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Oiler Change

The Way to...

An Oiler Change

Fine Tuning

Above. As part of the pre game ritual, the cheerleaders supersize a hoop for the football team to break through.

Right. When the time comes, for a kiss, sophomore Abigail Cazda is there for the team.

Above. Hikers V.I.P. Robert M.Z.A.C., PATRICK SIRTAKI.A.L. ...Cheering the Oilers on to victory...GO OILERS!

They say that change is a good thing, and this year Whiting High School is changing for the better. With new students, classes, and most obvious, a new dress code. Whiting is experiencing an *Oiler Change*. Revved up and ready to go, WHS entered the year full throttle and from Home coming to winter break embraced not only the changes, but also all the academics, sports, and activities that go along with the school year. With positive attitudes and high expectations, WHS is determined to make this year a success. The students refuse to let this change get the best of them and will still make this year one to be remembered. That is why, from '05 to '08, we can all say that we hope to survive the *Oiler Change*.

Above. Talk about putting in your game face! Senior Mallory Fortis gives her well one last push as she prepares for the finishes of the Forest Sweet.

Above. As the end of the dance approaches, the seniors gather in a circle to share their last homecoming. The seniors will take not only memories, but also friendships from WHS.

Let a little dance... Above. The Advanced English IV classes put on a show as part of a presentation on George Orwell's *1984*.

Maximum... Above. Junior Nick Mancuso is his favorite German sausage (Sauerbraten) during the German field trip and scavenger hunt.

Below. "I think the uniforms are OK. At least I don't have to spend my mornings wondering what I have to wear. Just wish I could express myself more," sophomore Juli Cruz

Below. For me, the uniforms have been a nice change in school politics. While I do not personally agree with the reasons for getting uniforms, it hasn't been as bad as it could have been," senior Fernando Suarez

Below. We get spirit? Yes, we do! We get spirit? Yes "Beat 'em!" The upper classmen show the rest OWU What it means to be an OWU.

Below. "It Been 'em LOZ" The senior student council members gather around the tree to cut and hang ribbons bearing names of children during the Bahama drive.

Below. The SEA and Student Council make a combined effort to make a Merry Christmas for the less fortunate OWUians.

Above. Mr. Mcvinthan assists sophomore Melissa Velazquez with her wrapping during Finish It.

Below. Some of the SEA officers count all the generous food donations made by the students for their annual food drive.

Core! Core! Core! Above. Senior Sixte Arredondo runs for the end zone in hopes of having a 11-0 season.

Above. Dressed as Lavalle football fans, freshmen Michael Eckhart and Nathan Sabel add some "flire" to their homecoming float. What's a side.

Above. The cheerleaders form a "W" during a lift not only to show off their talent, but also to get the audience pumped up.

Academics

 Becky Noojin

Becky Noojin 5

Scenic Route

"Art class is always fun because of the projects that we do and because Mrs. Mindas makes everything funny."

Art/Ceramics

At Whiting High School, arts and ceramics classes are offered to students. In art class students create many different projects, which include stippling and shading. They also make self-portraits and Christmas cards for the holidays. "Art is a lot of fun. It's a relaxing class, especially with **Mrs. Mindas!**" said junior **Leann Martinez.** "Most of the projects look harder than they really are. My favorite is the stippling. I think the self-portrait was probably the most difficult project so far," she added.

In ceramics, students are busy making clay pots, a 3-D human figure, animals, and a food product. They also made flip-flops and a gingerbread house. The students were also allowed to make a variety of choice projects. "Some of the projects are kind of hard, but when you finish it's cool because you made something," said **Laura Fentress,** junior. "It's a lot of fun."

Below, Mrs. Mindas helps senior Jill Furto (center) with her ceramics project while junior Nisa Franco works on hers.

Below, Seniors Esmeralda Patino and Maria Anaya cautiously paint their projects in ceramics class.

Below center, Megan Kalman, junior, is adding the finishing touches on her drawing of the high school football field.

Above, Hugo Torres, junior, gets his hands dirty working on a project in ceramics.

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"Ceramics is one of my favorite classes. I have the chance to create and design anything I want and not get critiqued on it." Alycia Clemente, junior

"Ceramics is a fun class. Mrs. Mindas makes it a lot better and interesting."
Esmeralda Patino, senior

"2-D Art is one of my favorite classes because I get the chance to express myself in a creative way."
Megan Kalman, junior

Above, Ashley Williams, freshman, illustrates a picture of Winnie the Pooh.

Above, Senior Sara O'Drobinak and junior George Aponte are busy making a ceramic bowl.

Kaitlin Price

"Choir is an excellent class and I'm really glad that I've been able to take it all three years.

American Idles

Band/Choir

Below, Learning a new piece of music, senior Andy Vanderbye (right) concentrates on the song in front of him.

Below center, Choir members Gerica Arroyo, Destiny Macon, Kaitlin Price and Eileen Mills-Groninger proudly show off their ISSMA medals.

Above, Sophomore Gerica Arroyo, senior Amanda Edge and sophomore John Stangel practice a new song at the beginning of class.

Below, The Whiting High School band plays a song during a timeout to help get the crowd involved and up on their feet.

Above, Senior Steve Wrzalinski and juniors Richard Wallace and Nick Meyers play one of many numbers at a home basketball game.

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"I love choir to death. It has been my favorite class throughout my four years in high school. I will never forget choir. I love Mrs. Kuzniar!" Jaime Reyes, senior

"I love band because we're all one big family. We know how each other plays and how they sound. It's fun to do games, parades and concerts, too. Band is the number one thing I'll miss when I graduate. Band love!" Amanda Edge, senior

Above, Mrs. Kuzniar leads the choir through a new song.

The Whiting High School band and choir have several performances throughout the year. The band, under the direction of **Mr. Pecher,** plays at the home football and basketball games. They also participate in many of the holiday parades and perform at graduation. While the band may be small, the dedicated students spend an hour after school practicing. "Band is a lot of fun. Even though we don't have a lot of members, the members that we have are very dedicated," said junior **Nick Meyers.**

The WHS choir, under the direction of **Mrs. Kuzniar,** performs at concerts and at graduation. Members of the choir have the chance to compete at the annual ISSMA competition. Students work hard to prepare themselves for this competition. "I love choir, it is great to have a class that you actually like going to. Singing is also about the only thing I like to do, and **Mrs. Kuzniar** is also really nice," said junior **Laura Fentress.**

Write Turn

"My favorite part of English class is learning the grammar that I need to know for college."

Makeup Edge

English

Reviewing grammar, reading the novel *A Separate Peace*, writing a research paper, studying for a vocabulary quiz and working on a read-up project can be some of the toughest assignments in English classes. However, the students here at Whiting High School take on these difficult assignments with gusto. Good reading, writing, and speaking skills should be used by everyone, whether it is in the classroom or applied to daily speech. English is an essential class for students who want to learn how to communicate properly through writing and speaking. "I think the best part of our English class is talking about the stories that we have read and discussing our thoughts about them," said junior **Jason Flores.**

Above, Senior Sara O'Drobinak memorizes the prologue to *The Canterbury Tales*.

Below, Sophomore Gerica Arroyo presents her read-up project for George Orwell's novel *1984*.

Below center, Miss Guaccio's class takes a short quiz over *A Separate Peace*.

Above, Senior Mallory Kertis and sophomore Jose Marin share a laugh right before they present a major speech.

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"The best part of English class is reading my read-up books and the short stories in class."
Ashley Oswald, senior

"Miss Guaccio is a really funny teacher and I like doing the easy vocabulary tests each week."
Milan Milutinovic, sophomore

"I like reading books and talking to Miss Guaccio."
Brandon Acheson, sophomore

Below, Seniors Justin Mis and Jackie Perez study for a vocab test in Advanced English 12.

Above, Sophomore Larry Rickmann quickly scans his book for any last minute details before for his quiz.

Angela Smith

"I had fun in German. Mrs.P. is a great teacher. I'll miss her next year when I'm gone."

Around the World

Foreign Languages

Below, The German students busily finish a worksheet while listening to their teacher, Frau P.

Below center, The Spanish III class interprets a story and then answers questions about it.

Above, Junior Alycia Clemente quickly takes notes off the board in German.

Below, Senior Bridget Weller pays attention in Spanish IV as Mrs. Klochan gives directions.

Above, Teaching her class, Mrs. Polizotto goes over some German grammar.

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"It was a lot of fun in German class with Mrs. P. This was a great year!" Luis Neri, junior

"I love ending my day with Spanish because it's a great way to finish off an exciting episode in the life that is school." John Stangel, sophomore

"I had fun learning Spanish this year." John Tustison, freshman

Above, In Spanish IV, Justin Mis, senior, points out a flag on the poster in order to start class discussion.

Spanish and German are the languages that are offered here at Whiting High School. In these classes students learn about the different cultures , as well as the obvious: reading, speaking and writing in another language.

In Spanish class, students do a lot of projects and the dreaded work packets that come with every new chapter. "Spanish is a great way to start my day," said junior **Kaitlin Price**. Something new this year was the articles anout Spanish speaking countries students find and discuss with the class every quarter.

In German class, students learn the language through not only the textbook, but also through many creative activities. Some of the students will also get to put their language skills to use when they travel abroad to Germany during spring break.

As you can guess, learning a foreign language class can be fun and educational.

Construction Zone

"Computer Applications class was a lot of fun. I learned many new things that will help me in the near future."

Liz Jordan

Industrial Arts/Computer Technology

Computers have become one of the most essential tools to everyday success. More and more, people are being required to have elite computer skills in order to perform even some of the simplest jobs around. **Mrs. Lemon-Harder**, **Mr. Cain**, and **Mr. Romero** are the three teachers here at Whiting who have taken on the responsibility to inform and hopefully instill these computer skills into the minds of Whiting students. Everything is taught, from Web page design in Mrs. Lemon-Harder's class, to bridge designing in Mr. Romero's CAD/CAM class, to calendar and PowerPoint design in Mr. Cain's computer applications class. Various projects give students practice before they are sent out into the computer field in the real world. Mr. Romero also teaches woodshop where various projects such as shelf-making, CD racks, and cutting boards give students the hands-on opportunity to work with power tools and neat machinery.

Above, After hours of hard work, juniors Tony Stack and Alycia Clemente work on perfecting their slideshows.

Below, Junior April Benninghoff searches for the right size to make her building structure work.

Below, Senior Nathan Serna listens to the instructions he is being given by Mr. Romero on what to do next.

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"Woodshop was fun even though we did as much bookwork as build projects."
David Finegan, senior

"I enjoyed making calendars and slideshows. My favorite project was our lifetime slideshow presentation."
Cristina Santos, senior

"I learned a lot throughout the class, but creating our own website was the best."
Tanya Almendarez,sophomore

Below, Justin Katselis, senior, tries multiple techniques for making his bridge design work.

Above, After correctly cutting the pieces, Eugene Roman, senior, nails the top of his toolbox.

Above, Mr. Romero demonstrates the right way to build a bridge to sophomore Jimmy Augustyn.

Jason Flores

"Math this year was fun and taught me a lot. We were able to have some laughs and learn a lot at the same time."

To Infinity and Beyond

Math

Silence please, we're trying to concentrate! Above, Senior Cecelia Garcia and junior Gabby Cardenas try to focus on the most important thing on their mind, passing their pre-calculus tests, that is.

One day they'll hopefully understand how important these concepts really are. Below, Mr. Lenz explains what type of math problems to expect on the ISTEP.

Who says geometry can't be fun? Above, Sophomore Samantha Espinoza shows off her math skills by attempting the challenging proof on the board.

Can somebody tell me what's going on? Above, Senior Alex Harris asks Mrs. Herochik to give him a little one-on-one help with a calculus problem.

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"I hope to assist these students to "fine tune" their works habits so that they are better prepared for college," said Mrs. Herochik, math teacher

"This year I would have to say math was the hardest subject. Most of us hit the wall, but luckily we had a good teacher and our friends to help us out." Sara O'Drobinak, senior

She'll be lucky if her hand doesn't fall off! Above, Junior Cassie Buehler takes time out of class to copy important notes.

Math skills are required in everyday life. Some students take just enough math to graduate, while others decide to challenge themselves with the advanced courses. Luckily for students, Whiting offers a vast variety of classes, from Math Skills with **Mr. Lenz** and **Mr. Sorota**, to A.P. Calculus with **Mrs. Herochik**. In past years, a standard level of calculus has been offered, but now in the state of Indiana, in order for a high school to offer a calculus course, the calculus course must be an A.P. course. "A.P. Calculus, though challenging, was fun and in the end very rewarding. Not only did I learn valuable math skills, but also time management. These are both two very important skills that I will take with me when I leave for college," said senior **Justin Mis**

Tuning Up...

"Gym was fun. I had a lot of fun playing games with all my friends this year." Katrina Midkiff, freshman

P.E./Health

Though most of the classes students take in school focus on the mind, physical education is a class that focuses on the importance of maintaining good physical health. Freshmen students are required to take one full year, or two semesters, of gym. Throughout the year they participate in many activities such as swimming, bowling, football, dodgeball, volleyball, basketball and baseball.

After successfully completing a full year of gym, sophomores are required to take a semester of health class. Throughout the semester students learn about the importance of taking good care of their bodies and about the dangers of poor decisions that may involve drug and alcohol abuse. Students will also be learning about the different proper names for bones, body parts, and organs.

Below, Freshman Amanda Benninghoff attempts to control the ball while trying to score a point for her team.

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"I thought gym was pretty cool this year and had a lot of fun bowling." Victor Perez, freshman

"Health class was interesting. I learned a lot of crazy things about the human body." Juli Cruz, sophomore

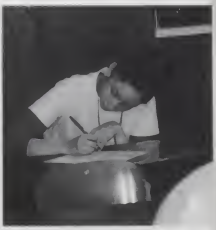
"Health was cool. I learned to stay healthy and stay away from drugs." Milan Milutinovic, sophomore

Below, Aaron Mitre, freshman, tries to take out the other team while not getting hit himself.

Below center, Freshmen girls stand along the wall waiting for Mrs. Fritz to call their number for their turn to kick the ball.

Above, Students concentrate on passing their big health test.

Above, Freshman Anthony Rodriguez prepares to throw the ball at an opposing team member while playing a friendly game of dodgeball.



Above, Sophomore Nicole Garcia works hard on her homework assignment.

Justin Mills

"Being selected as editor this year was made easy due to the hardworking staff."

Information Highway

Tattler/Reflector

Below, The Tattler Staff has a meeting on the upcoming issue. Managing editor Stephen Wrzalinski, senior, points out some major points of discussion.

Above, Juniors Cassie Buehler (foreground) and Valarie Reyes seem to be having a good time while they put together their new story ideas.

Below, Senior Cecelia Garcia writes out her copy for the varsity football layout, which was made easy by the team's outstanding success this season.

Above, Juniors Kristen Stoklosa and Angie Galaviz work on organizing the mug shots for the class pages.

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"Layingout the paper, at first, was a challenging task. However, now it is a fun enjoyable experience I wouldn't change for the world, thanks to our great staff and wonderful adviser."
Ryan Terry, senior

"Being on staff was a 'funerific' experience for me. It was great to write 'spunkie' articles with Cassie. Oh yeah, Ms. Hylek was 'okayerific' too."
Valarie Reyes, junior

"Tattler has been fun for the past two years. I'm glad to have been promoted to managing editor. I enjoy writing articles and running the meetings." Stephen Wrzalinski

Above, Senior Jackie Perez brainstorms on what she thinks will strike the reader's attention in the newspaper.

Did you ever wonder when you're looking through a yearbook or the school newspaper how it all came together? Maybe you weren't aware that students create them. Well this is what Tattler/Reflector is all about. All year long our staff is working hard to capture those unforgettable moments and news. This year Ms. Hylek, adviser, has the largest staff in years with over 33 students. Though to the students the yearbook may consist of pictures of themselves and their friends, and the newspaper may consist of information about school functions, they are much more than that. It takes a lot of hard work and effort by the staff and there is a long process to go through before the publications reach readers. Hopefully students will appreciate and enjoy the finished products. "Tattler/Reflector is the best class you can have senior year," said senior **Hollie Kelm.**

Internal Combustion

"Earth Space is a lot harder than I thought it was going to be."

Science

The science classes at Whiting High School are always keeping the students busy, whether they're dissecting in Biology II or mixing chemicals in Chemistry I and II. The labs give students a hands-on experience to help the them understand what they have learned. "Chemistry II is fun because we get to titrate and do fun labs, except for carbon," said **Vanessa Franco**, senior. Also, biology teacher **Mr. Nichols** and chemistry teacher **Mr. Long** take their teaching to another level by coaching the Science Olympiad team. "The Science Olympiad team had a tremendous amount of success this year making its third trip down to state and winning regional for the second straight year. It is nice to see our hard work paid off," said junior **Tommy Gresko**.

Below, Observing a chemical reaction are juniors Amelia Bach and Leann Martinez.

Below, Sophomores Eileen Mills-Groninger and Andrew Serafin listen while sophomore Codi Linko points out the correct answer.

Above, Mr. Sorota helps junior Luis Ner and senior Chris Hartman.

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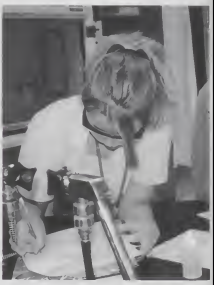
"What I like most about Earth Space is the teacher. I really don't care for the class, just the teacher! **Mr. Long** is cool." **Kristin Setlak**, freshman

"Chemistry is a good class. It challenges the mind in many aspects. The labs are creative and hands-on. They are also educational and teach me something new every time we do one." **Jon Walker**, junior

Above, Junior Richard Wallace points out a location on a map to junior George Aponte and sophomore Richard Cabral.



Above, Working diligently on a lab in Chemistry I is junior Megan Kalman.

Eugene Roman

"Mr. Adkins' government class is interesting due to his lectures all hour."

Exploring the World

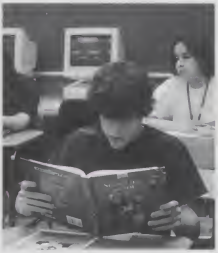
Social Studies

Below, Mr. Vrabel's history class discuss the chapter to better prepare themselves for an upcoming test.

Below center, Mr. Adkins' economics class is quietly reading the next section in their textbooks.

Above, Junior April Benninghoff is excited to see what new topic will be discussed in history class.

Below, In geography class, freshman Nathan Sabol is carefully sketching out a map of the Middle East.



Above, Senior Steve Wrzalinski is concentrating on studying the information from his sociology textbook.

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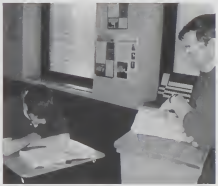
"Mr. Vrabel makes learning fun."
Nisa Franco, junior

"I enjoy history a lot because Mr. Vrabel makes it fun and interesting."
George Aponte, junior

"The things I have learned in econ will help me in the future."
Bridget Weller, senior



Above, Senior Justin Katselis follows along as Mr Adkins, econ teacher, reads a passage from the text.

Welcome to the wonderful world of social studies. This year **Mr. Vrabel** has had some exciting topics to cover with his classes, some of which include the Western Hemisphere and Middle Eastern Europe in geography class; and the American Revolution, The Constitution, Industrial Revolution and Civil War in history.

Mr. Adkins also covers a wide variety of topics throughout the year such as the Amendments in government; and court cases, news events, drug abuse and teen suicide in current problems. "In government I learned a lot about my rights as an American citizen," senior **Ryan Terry**. Although we were unable to cover all of the materials in our textbook, I feel I am walking away with a much greater understanding of American Government than I had at the beginning of the year," Terry continued.

Sports

 Becky Noojin

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Cross Country

In The Fast Lane

Smaller Team, Bigger Heart

After taking the year off, there was once again a boys' cross country team. With having just enough to fill their team, the boys had five runners this season, which later turned into six. Giving it their all, the boys' team constantly worked together, almost always running in a tightly knit pack during races.

As good as the season was for the boys' team, the girls' team also experienced success by going to regionals for the third time in the last four years. Despite their success, the girls team had a rough time this year. From having nine girls last year to only five this year, they could not afford any injuries or missed practices.

"We were able to accomplish most of the things we wanted to accomplish this season," **Coach Kevin Moynihan** stated. "Our seniors, **Mallory Kertis** and **Erica Velazquez**, will be greatly missed. It will be difficult to find individuals with their level of dedication to the program," Moynihan continued.

Below, The girls' cross country team starts their sprint at the sound of the gun at the beginning of the race.

Right, Junior **Alex Simunic** and senior **Mallory Kertis** keep up a good pace together during thier home meet.

"I think this season was the best one that I could've had; it was the perfect ending to my cross country career. Plus at sectionals I got to beat my best time for the last time." senior **Mallory Kertis**

"This year, being my last season, I tried to make the best of it with the rest of the team. I want to tell everyone that I'll miss them and I want to tell Mr. Moynihan thanks for being there for me when I needed him the most." senior **Erica Velazquez**

Above, The 2004-2005 Cross Country Team. Standing: **Coach Kevin Moynihan**, Braulio Lopez, Jonathan Hayes, Matt Papach, Nick Suarez and Tom Gresko. Kneeling: Erica Velazquez, Gerica Arroyo, Erica Arroyo, Sol Drewniak, Mallory Kertis and Alex Simunic.

Left, Juntor **Braulio Lopez** sprints to the finish and tries to pass one more runner before he reaches the shoot.

Below, Some girls' cross country team members eat oranges after their race, as it is both teams' tradition.

Left, **Jonathan Hayes, Scott Drewniak, Matt Papach** and **Nick Suarez** take a leisurely run through their home turf, Whiting Park.

Above, Sophomore **Matt Papach** focuses on keeping a steady pace while running in one of his last meets at WHS.

Left, Sophomore **Gerica Arroyo** runs through the more forest-like part of the Gavit Invite.

This sport is hard I didn't start practicing with the team until the end of the summer, so it was hard to get at the level that they were at, but I got through it and it was fun." freshman Jonathan Hayes

"I thought cross country was very good for me this year and hope I can do much better next year." sophomore Scott Drewniak

"My favorite moment this season was when we ran at the beach and saw all the dead fish." junior Braulio Lopez

OILERS VS...

GIRLS		BOYS	
Gavit Invite	4/13	Gavit Invite	6/13
LAC Conf. Meet (Lake Station)	2/6	LAC Conf. Meet (Lake Station)	2/6
LAC Conf. Meet (K.V.)	-	LAC Conf. Meet (K.V.)	-
Kours Invite	-	Kours Invite	4/9
LAC Conf. Meet (Gavit)	2/6	LAC Conf. Meet (Gavit)	3/6
Calumet	W	Calumet	W
New Prairie	-	New Prairie	26/36
Quad Meet	2/4	Quad Meet	2/4
Highland Invite	10/23	Highland Invite	12/23
Clark-Hammond	1/3	Clark-Hammond	2/3
M.C. Marquette	-	M.C. Marquette	-
Andrean Invite	6/17	Andrean Invite	9/17
River Forest-North		River Forest-North	
Newton Conf. Meet	2/3	Newton Conf. Meet	3/3
	9/16		12/16

Sectionals

4/10 7/10

Regionals

9/10 -

Varsity Football

FULL Throttle

Oilers LAC Blue Champs

The 2004 football season is one which will go down in history for a number of reasons, and one that players, coaches, and fans will never forget. This was the first year the football team has ever won the LAC Blue Championship with a perfect regular season. The team also finally beat LaVille 42-38, after losing to them two years in a row in sectionals. "We were down 21-0 and we showed a lot of heart and determination to come back and win," said senior **Victor Sahagun** about his favorite game of the season. Despite beating LaVille, however, the Oilers' perfect season came to an end with a heartbreaking loss to West Central in the Sectional 33 Championship game. The Oiler fans were very proud of their team for making it so far and making history along the way. "The 2004 season was very exciting and enjoyable. We felt we could be a good football team, but turned out to have a great season. All of the work and effort paid off in the form of our first LAC Blue Championship," said LAC Coach of the Year **Jeff Cain**.

Below, Junior **Hugo Torres** runs for a touchdown with protection from his Oiler line.

Right, Pumping each other up, the Oilers get together for some encouraging words before a game.

What will you miss the most about football?

"Being around all the players and coaches and having fun on the field," said senior **Sixto Arredondo**.

"I'll miss walking out of the locker room and lining up for games with my teammates," said senior **Victor Sahagun**.

Above, Junior **Joe Ramos** waits in anticipation for the pass against the BNI Warriors. Ramos ended the season with 17 receptions for 263 yards.

Left, Sophomore **Mike Halajcsik** runs to make another touchdown, ending the season with 62 points.

Below, Senior **Sixto Arredondo** would not let the Oilers lose to BNI again. He fought his way through the BNI line to score for the Oilers.

Season Highlights

"My highlight would be winning the school's first football conference title," said junior **Matt Kobli**.

"My highlight of the season was becoming undefeated champions in the LAC Blue," said junior **Hugo Torres.**

"My most memorable moment was against LaVille. I had over 200 yards receiving and four touchdowns," said sophomore **Mike Halajcsik**.

Left, The Oilers' Varsity Football Team, 2004 LAC Blue Champions, who went undefeated in regular season play.

Above, "Knock 'em down, roll 'em around!" Listening to the cheers from fans, junior **Jason Flores** knocks down a West Central player.

Left, Junior **Matt Kobli** celebrates in the end zone after catching a pass from senior **Sixto Arredondo** for another six points.

OILERS VS...

River Forest	W
Highland	W
Calumet	W
Lake Station	W
Wheeler	W
Bishop Noll	W
Gavit	W
Clark	W
Kank.Valley	W

Sectionals

South Newton	W
LaVille	W
West Central	L

Final Record 11-1

Varsity Volleyball

Bumpers Chrome

Lady Oilers Rebuild

Despite losing five seniors to graduation, team injuries, and other problems, the Lady Oilers had a fairly good season ending with 10 wins and 22 losses. Over the course of the season the team had its share of ups and downs, one of which included senior captain **Angela Smith** suffering a serious ankle injury. As the season progressed, however, the team began to become a family. Senior captain **Vanessa Franco** stepped up and became a team leader. "One of the highlights of this season was seeing the team come together as a whole," said **Coach Nichols.** One of the Lady Oilers' favorite moments of the season was the Morgan Township game when the Lady Oilers were down 21-10, but rallied back for an incredible 26-24 win.

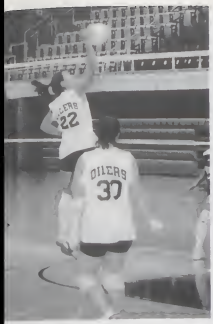
Below, Freshman **Victoria Franco** and junior **Liz Curosh** wait to receive the ball from their opponents.

Right, **Coach Nichols** takes time out of the game to pull the girls together and go over a few last minute plays with the team.

"Senior Night has to be my favorite memory because it made me feel like I accomplished a lot in volleyball," said senior **Jill Furto.**

"My favorite memory was when the ball was coming towards **Leann (Martinez)** and before actually bumping it, she took the time to fix her hair. It was way funny!" said junior **Liz Curosh.**

Above, The 2004 Varsity Volleyball Team. Top Row: **Angela Smith**, **Brittney Mansfield**, **Ashley Kielyka**, **Abby Gazda**, **Liz Curosh**, **Leann Martinez**. Bottom Row: **Samantha Plavec**, **Victoria Franco**, **Vanessa Franco**, **Samantha Espinoza**. Not pictured: **Jill Furto** and **Niomi Franco**.



Left, Sophomore **Brittney Mansfield** goes for a kill against Westville.

Below, Senior **Vanessa Franco** stays focused while she quickly sets the ball to a teammate in the game against Griffith.

Above, After a hard game the Lady Oilers show their sportsmanship to the opposing team.

Left, In midair, sophomore **Abby Gazda** sets up a block on the Lady Oilers' home court.

"My favorite memory was the Morgan Twp. game. We were down 19-4 and came back and won the game." senior **Vanessa Franco**

"My favorite memory was when I dove into the wall at River Forest and bounced off." senior **Angela Smith**

"My favorite memory was when **Stephanie Puhek** and my boyfriend drove to the West Central Tourney." senior **Niomi Franco**

Left, **Vanessa Franco**, **Nia Franco**, **Jill Furto** and **Angela Smith** gather together before their final home game of their high school careers on Senior Night.

OILERS VS...

Wash. Twp.	L	Calumet	L
EC Central	W	Whueler	L
River Forest	L	Morton	L
Wheeler	L	Gavit	W
Morg. Twp.	W	Kouts	L
Clark	L	Griffith	W
LaCrosse	L	Lowell	L
Gavit	W	Gary WS	L
Rensselaer	L	Hebron	L
West Central	L	Noll	L
Gavit	W	G. Roosevelt	W
Morton	L	Hobart	L
Calumet	L	Westville	W
Hammond	W	Clark	L
Munster	L	Han. Cent.	L
Lake Station	W	River Forest	L

Sectionals vs. River Forest L
Final Record 10-22

Boys' Varsity Basketball

BURN Rubber

Injuries Plague Team

Even though the Oilers' record doesn't show many wins this season, it was still a good one. At the beginning of the season, the loss of a starter had an effect on the team. It also seemed like every other game someone else was hurt. "From the adversity we played through all year, we ended up having a decent year. We competed every game. People we weren't counting on this year stepped up and contributed a lot of minutes. Plus, the experience our players gained this year should make for a good season next year," said **Coach Lenz**. Since the team was comprised of a lot of underclassmen this year, hopefully their experience will help the Oilers' have a better season next year.

Right, **Coach Lenz** explains the defense that he wants the Oilers to run, to make sure they take the lead back.

Below, Senior **Sixto Arredondo** quickly drives past two Wheele defensive players to score.

How was your overall season?

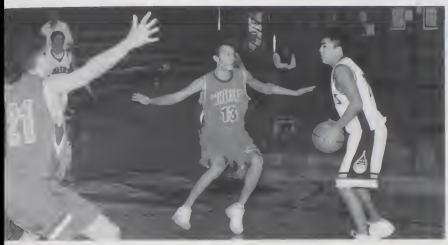
"My thoughts on our overall season were that we did well, but with everyone hurt in the beginning of the season, it was hard to win games. Later in the season, I thought we improved, though." **Joe Ramos**, junior

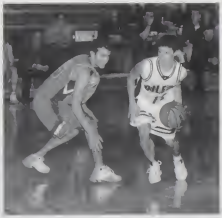
"It was a real learning experience for all of us. We had a lot of injuries so people who didn't play all that much had to step it up and be ready to play." **Mike Keith**, junior

Above: The 2004-2005 Varsity Boys' Basketball Team. Standing: **Coach Lenz**, **Mike Keith**, **Mike Halajcsik**, **Matt Kobli**, **Andrew Sherer**, **Victor Salvagan**, **Matt Elza**. Kneeling: **Juan Jimenez**, **Tommy Gresko**, **Bradley Wilson**, **Joe Ramos**, and **Steven Combs**.

Left, Junior **Matt Kobli** takes a jump shot over his opponents to make an easy two points.

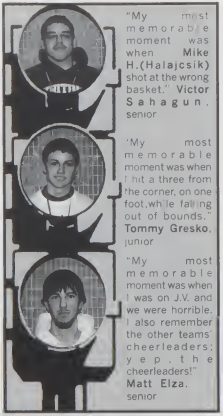
Below, Smashing through the sign is junior **Tommy Gresko** who's pumped up for the game.





Above, Showing great effort **Tommy Gresko** dribbles past his Wheeler opponent to make a layup.

Left, **Mike Halajcsik**, sophomore, tries to pass around the defense to hit an open player.



"My most memorable moment was when **Mike H.(Halajcsik)** shot at the wrong basket." **Victor Sahagun**, senior

"My most memorable moment was when I hit a three from the corner, on one foot, while falling out of bounds." **Tommy Gresko**, junior

"My most memorable moment was when I was on J.V. and we were horrible, I also remember the other teams' cheerleaders; yep, the cheerleaders!" **Matt Elza**, senior

Left, **Joe Ramos** sees an opening between the quick trap and is ready to make a fast pass to his open teammate.

Above, Senior **Sixto Arredondo** keeps his dribble so that he can start the offense.

OILERS VS...

Wash. Twp.	L	North Newton	W
Morton	L	Hobart	L
Clark	L	Gavit	L
Westville	L	Grant Park	L
LAC Trny.	L	Ridgewood	L
Griffith	L	MC Marquette	L
Hanover	W	River Forest	L
Lake Station	L	Hebron	L
Lowell	W	Clark	L
Wheeler	L		

Sectionals vs. Highland L
Final Record 3-15

Girls' Varsity Basketball

SHIFTING Gears

New Team, New Theme

From winning a sectionals title last year to having a 3-15 record, this year wasn't the best for the Lady Oilers. Although their record didn't really show much, they worked very hard during the entire summer and season. During the summer the team conditioned and joined a summer league that taught them more basketball skills and taught them the importance of team unity. The team had many adjustments to make mainly due to the loss of four seniors to graduation, leaving the team young and inexperienced. Despite their record, the Lady Oilers still had something to be proud of: their big win against Clark.

Below, Freshman **Erica Arroyo** struggles for the ball to get an Oil possession during a hard-fought game.

Right, Sophomore **Gerica Arroyo** and junior **Angie Galaviz** quickly put on a press to stop the opponent's offense.

"Although we didn't have the best season, it was still great. The bonds and friendships we made were very memorable. The seniors will be missed." **Angie Galaviz**, junior

"Basketball this year was a challenge. We were a young team and played generally older teams, but stuck together. We had our ups and downs, but were a better team for it and will be ready to dominate next year." **Abby Gazda**, sophomore

Above, The 2004-2005 Lady Oilers' Varsity Basketball Team. Back Row: **Coach Pokraka, Abby Gazda, Gabby Cardenas, Ashley Kieltyka, Allison Miller, Coach Ed**. Middle Row: **Ashley Oswald, Gerica Arroyo, Erica Arroyo, Melissa Velazquez.** Front Row: **Angie Galaviz, Victoria Franco, Natalie Mendez,** and **Vanessa Franco.**

Left, Sophomore **Abby Gazda** puts up a jump shot against Gavit.

Below, Juniors **Gabby Cardenas** (top) and **Angie Galaviz** quench their thirst while waiting to go back in.

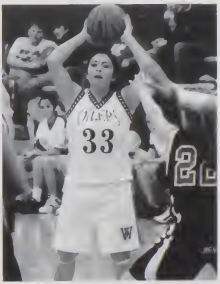
Right, **Coach Pokraka** explains a play while the team listens attentively during a timeout.

Season Highlights

"We had a rough season, but we got through it and had lots of fun." **Vanessa Franco**

"The season had its ups and downs, but we made the best of it." **Ashley Oswald**

"Even though we didn't have the best record, the season was great." **Gabby Cardenas**



Left, Senior **Vanessa Franco** anxiously looks to pass the ball before her opponent gains on her.

Left, Freshman **Ashley Kieltyka** attempts a baseline shot and gets the foul.

OILERS VS...

Clark	L	Morton	L
Westville	L	Hebron	L
Calumet	L	Hammond	L
Bishop Noll	L	M.C. Marquette	L
Washington	L	Griffith	L
Lake Station	W	Wheeler	L
LaCrosse	W	Lowell	L
Clark	W	Gavit	L
River Forest	L	South Central	L

Sectionals vs Wash. Twp. L
Final Record 3-15

Wrestling

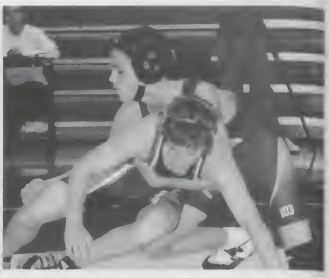
MAXIMUM Weight

Four grapplers suit up for regionals.

Every year the wrestling team is improving. This year there were more wrestlers on the team and they endured long, hard practices every day to ensure their best performance on the mat. Wrestling is a sport which requires much self-discipline and many of the guys gave up lots of their favorite foods to meet the weight criteria. Even though the team had suffered a few injuries, they pulled through.

"We had a good season and a lot of new guys on the team; we made a lot of improvements and won a lot of matches," said Coach Rob Segudovic. "I'm looking forward to next year. The wrestling program continues to improve. The eight wins this season is the most we have had in the eight years I have been here. We had a sectional champ, two runners-up, and qualified four wrestlers to regionals. With no seniors, everyone will be back next year so we are expecting a great season in 2005-2006," Segudovic added.

Below, Freshmen Alex Anaszewicz has the point advantage in winning the match.



Right, Milan Milutinovic angles his opponent to make his pin at nearfall.

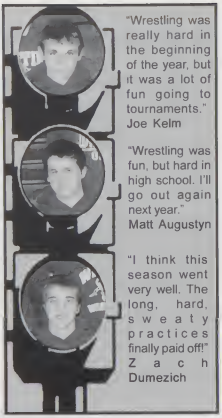
"This wrestling season was good. We got a lot more guys out for the team, everyone improved, and we won a decent amount of matches. I hope we get more people next year." Jason Flores, junior

"Wrestling was a great experience this year; we had many new wrestlers come out which helped the team win more meets." Hugo Torres, junior

Above, The 2004-2005 Wrestling Team. Top Row: Coach Segudovic, Drew Muratori, Coach Quiroz. Middle Row: Matt Augustyn, Zach Dumezich, Milan Milutinovic, Alex Anaszewicz. Bottom Row: Adam Flores, Jason Flores, Joe Brown, Hugo Torres, and Joe Kelm.

Left, **Drew Muratori** holds up his sectionals ribbon after his match at East Chicago Central High School.

Below, **Adam Flores**, sophomore, succeeds in taking down his opponent from North Newton.



"Wrestling was really hard in the beginning of the year, but it was a lot of fun going to tournaments." Joe Kelm

"Wrestling was fun, but hard in high school. I'll go out again next year." Matt Augustyn

"I think this season went very well. The long, hard, sweaty practices finally paid off!" Zach Dumezich

Left, Junior **Jose Marin** puts a lock on his opponent to hold him for the pin.

Above, Sophomore **Joe Brown** rears a reversal to score some points.

Left, **Zach Dumezich** proudly displays the Sectionals Champ sign at E.C. Central. Dumezich finished with a 21-11 record.

OILERS VS...

SB Washington	L	Hobart	L
Clark	L	Gavit	L
Calumet	L	Goshen	L
North Newton	L	Wallace	W
Lake Station	L	East Chicago	L
Hammond	L	Bishop Noll	W
River Forest	W	Clark	W
Boone Grove	W	West Side	W
North Newton	L	Han. Central	L
Gary Wirt	W	Gary Wirt	W

Final Record 8-12

Cheerleading

Revved Up

New coach, renewed spirit

This cheerleading season included many accomplishments. With new head coach **Shannon Wright**, Whiting had one of the best seasons ever. The varsity and some of the J.V. girls attended cheer camp this summer at Valparaiso University with the NCA cheerleaders. Camp brought everyone together as a squad and everyone learned a lot of new cheers, stunts, and dance routines. The squad won a spirit stick, and some of the cheerleaders got nominated for All-American Cheerleaders, both major achievements. The squad got a lot out of camp which contributed to awesome football and basketball seasons. Together the squad excelled and by the end of the season could perform the most difficult stunts and dance routines.

Below, The 2004-2005 Varsity Cheerleaders. Top Row: **Jaime Reyes**. Middle Row: **Samantha Lessentine**, **Mallory Kertis**. Bottom Row: **Cassie Buehler**, **Amelia Bach**, **Alyssa Chavez**. Not pictured: **Sara O'Drobinak**.

Right, The varsity and junior varsity squads prepare to cheer on the boys at the Clark game.

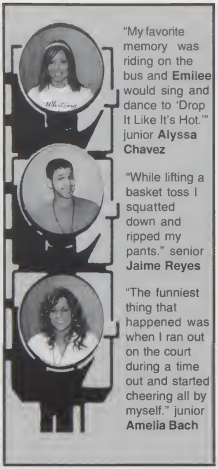
"Cheerleading this year was a lot of fun. We accomplished a lot with the few people that we had and we finally got a basket toss. Camp was A-W-E-S-O-M-E; Melody and I loved the boogers, wrestling, pizza and the magic stars." senior/captain **Sara O'Drobinak**

"Cheerleading was a blast this year, even through all of the complaining. Football was fun too; I loved the bus rides home. I'm sure the girls will miss my lovely attitude, but I will miss them lots. And I agree with **Sara** about camp." senior/co-captain **Mallory Kertis**

Above, The junior varsity squad performs their favorite cheer.

Left, Junior **Samantha Lessentine** leads the Pee-Wee cheerleaders at the Senior Night football game.

Below, The "Fab 4," juniors **Alyssa Chavez**, **Amelia Bach** , **Samantha Lessentine** and senior **Jaime Reyes** pause for a quick picture before performing a routine at the pep rally.

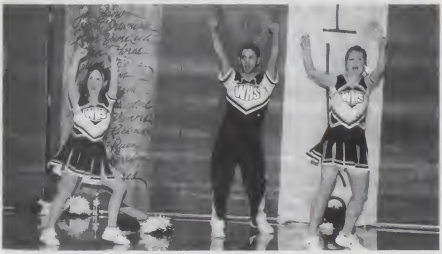


"My favorite memory was riding on the bus and **Emilee** would sing and dance to 'Drop It Like It's Hot.'" junior **Alyssa Chavez**

"While lifting a basket toss I squatted down and ripped my pants." senior **Jaime Reyes**

"The funniest thing that happened was when I ran out on the court during a time out and started cheering all by myself." junior **Amelia Bach**

Above, The 2004-2005 Junior Varsity Cheerleaders. Kneeling: **Claudia Torres**, **Jaime Reyes**. Sitting: **Emilee Kalocinski**, **Michelle Mirza**. Center: **Elizabeth Sahagun**.



Above, Junior **Cassie Buehler** and seniors **Jaime Reyes** and **Malloy Kertis** cheer the Oilers onto a victory during a basketball game.

Above, The varsity and J.V. squads show their spirit as they perform a difficult stunt.

Softball

Test Drive

New faces, new team chemistry

The Lady Oilers had a tough season with the loss of four starters to graduation. It was a rebuilding season for the team, having little experience compared to past years. Every player was placed in a new position and each had adjustments to make. After experimenting with the position changes, eventually the right chemistry was created. Even though the Lady Oilers did not win sectionals this year, they played like champions in their final game and showed their competitors that after gaining experience, they will again be contenders next season.

Right, Freshman **Victoria Franco** tosses the ball to first base in order to make the last out of the inning.

" I thought this season was a great learning experience. We realized that we aren't always going to be the best team, but if we play hard and work together, we can win." senior Stephanie Puhek

"I had a great time this year. Good luck to the underclassmen next year. Try your best." senior Niomi Franco

Below, Freshman **Ashley Kieltyka** attempts to set down a bunt to advance the runner from second to third.

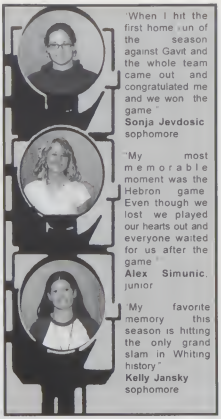
Above, The 2005 Lady Oilers' Softball Team. First Row: **Alex Simunic**, **Liz Curosh**, **Patty Mora**, **Leana Martinez**, **Stephanie Puhek**. Second Row: **Samantha Plavec**, **Natalie Mendez**, **Rachel Maslikowski**, **Niomi Franco**, **Kelly Jansky**, **Victoria Franco**. Third Row: **Coach Laub**, **Ashley Kieltyka**, **Gerica Arroyo**, **Sonja Jevdosic**, **Erica Arroyo**.

Left, **Leann Martinez** warms up her arm before pitching against Gavit.

Below, Senior **Stephanie Puhek** is patiently waiting for the ball to be hit her way.

Above, Freshman **Samatha Plavec** is called safe when the South Central catcher unsuccessfully tries to throw her out at first base.

Left, **Coach Laub** calls a timeout to go over some strategies with pitcher **Victoria Franco**.



"When I hit the first home run of the season against Gavit and the whole team came out and congratulated me and we won the game."
Sonja Jevdosic
sophomore

"My most memorable moment was the Hebron game. Even though we lost we played our hearts out and everyone waited for us after the game."
Alex Simunic, junior

"My favorite memory this season is hitting the only grand slam in Whiting history."
Kelly Jansky
sophomore

Far left, Senior **Niomi Franco** takes some practice swings before the big game against Lowell.

Left, With all her strength, junior **Liz Curosh** makes the throw to first base to make the last out.

OILERS VS...

Morgan Twp.	L	North Newton	W
Bishop Noll	L	Clark	W
Gavit	W	South Central	L
Andrean	L	M.C. Marquette	W
EC Central	W	Wheeler	L
Hammond	L	Wash. Twp.	W
Hobart	L	Lake Station	L
Morton	W	Hebron	L
Munster	L	River Forest	L
LaCrosse	W	Hanover Cent.	L
Calumet	W	Kouts	L
Lowell	L	Westville	W
Griffith	L		

Sectionals
Washington Twp. W
Hebron L
Final Record 11-16

Tennis

Points & Plugs

Lady Oilers net new coach

Love 15..30..40.. It's tennis season again and along with a new year the team has brought on a new coach. **Mr. Arthur Young** decided to take on the task of leading the Lady Oilers new and old to victory. With only seven returning players, many of the spots were filled by freshmen. With new players and a new coach, the team put in much hard work to achieve success. With a year of experience under their belts and a winning attitude, the Lady Oilers' tennis team should have a lot to look forward to. "Next year I believe I will have a stronger team. I'm looking forward to winning sectionals and doing well throughout the season," said Mr. Young. "I hope to have them all return next year. I think I got a good glimpse of what to expect as a first year coach and given the opportunity, coach again next season," Young continued.

Right, Freshmen doubles partners **Tiffany Bayless** and **Melanie Becerra** wait to see whom they will play in their first match.

"I thought tennis was very challenging this season. We had new players and a new coach; overall I had fun and I enjoyed playing extra matches with Michelle Mirza."
Cassie Buehler, junior

"Even though our team didn't have as many wins, there were a lot of individual wins that the girls had and they improved everyday."
Valarie Reyes, junior

Below, Keeping her lead in the game, sophomore **Allison Mill** forcefully hits the ball back to her opponent.

The 2005 Tennis Team. Top Row: **Michelle Wakefield**, **Tiffany Bayless**, **A Miller**, **Elise Elza**. Second Row: **Nicole Garcia**, **Kim Holtrop**, **Samar Thompson**, **Melanie Becerra**, **Michelle Mirza**, **Juli Cruz**. Third Row: **Cas Buehler**, **Angie Galaviz**, **Jessica Garcia**, **Kayla Perez**, **Valarie Reyes**

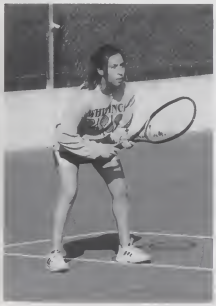
 Lauren Wrzalinski

Left, Hoping it's a winning shot, sophomore **Kayla Perez** serves the ball.

Below, Before playing against their opponents, junior **Valarie Reyes** and sophomore **Juli Cruz** discuss their strategies.

Above, Standing prepared for the ball is sophomore **Juli Cruz.**

Above, Sophomore **Michelle Wakefield** changes the scorecard as she takes the lead.



Left, Concentrating on the ball, junior **Angie Galaviz** waits for her opponent to return the ball in the match against Hammond High.

"Tennis this year was a new experience for the returning players because of our new coach."
Angie Galaviz

"This season was fun even though we didn't win as many meets as we would have liked to."
Allison Miller

"This season was tons of fun and we're all ready for next season."
Kayla Perez

Below, Freshman **Elise Elza** and sophomore **Nicole Garcia** try their best.

OILERS VS...

Morton	L	Clark	L
Kankakee	L	Hanover	L
Hobart	L	River Forest	L
Griffith	L	Gavit	L
Calumet	L	West Side	L
Noll	W	Lake Station	W
East Chicago	L	Hammond	L
Sectionals			
Bishop Noll	W	Hammond	L

Final Record 2-12

Golf

LONG Drive

Oilers Golf FORE-ever

On the way up to the wrestling room for their first practice, the golf team began to reminisce about their Cinderella season last year when they were named LAC Blue Division Champions. With hopes and dreams of earning that title again, the team practiced every day, preparing for their season. Sadly, the season did not go as the Oilers expected, but this year the team accomplished something greater than a championship: They became a very close-knit group bonded by friendship. **Matt Elza**, **Justin Mis**, and **Josh Cornell** were the three lone freshmen who joined in 2002, and this year, 2005, left the golf team with one LAC Championship and a lifetime full of memories to share.

Hey golfer, golfer, golfer...Swing golfer! Below, Freshman **John Demkovich** follows through with his enitre body after his shot.

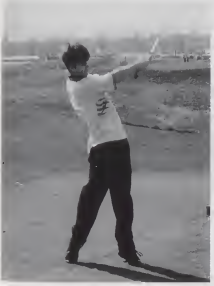
Right, In a pre-game ritual, senior **Justin Mis** exchanges score cards and a handshake with his Bishop Noll opponent.

"In 2002, three freshmen joined the golf team: Justin Mis, Matt Elza, and Josh Cornell, and they became the heart and soul of the WHS golf team for the next four years. Then as seniors we became more than just a golf team: We became a family. Good luck and best wishes to all of you, including Chris Hartman who made the varsity squad during the 2005 season."

Coach Herochik

The 2005 Golf Team, Top Row: **Coach Kathy Herochik**, **Chris Hartman**, **Josh Cornell**, **Matt Elza**, **Manager Jackie Perez**. Second Row: **Justin Mis**, **Abby Gazda**, **Chris Smith**, **John Demkovich**

Above, All about club selection, senior **Chris Hartman** carefully selects his three iron for his next shot.

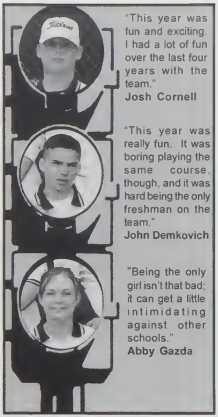


Left, With his head down and his eyes focused, senior **Matt Elza** prepares to drive the ball.

Practice makes perfect! Below, Senior **Josh Cornell** wastes no time on the practice green before his match.

Above, Senior **Justin Mis** follows through and searches the sky for his tee shot.

Did you see where my ball went? Left, Sophomore **Chris Smith** picks his head up after his shot to see where his ball will land.



"This year was fun and exciting. I had a lot of fun over the last four years with the team."
Josh Cornell

"This year was really fun. It was boring playing the same course, though, and it was hard being the only freshman on the team."
John Demkovich

"Being the only girl isn't that bad; it can get a little intimidating against other schools."
Abby Gazda

Below, JV golfers **Abby Gazda** and **John Demkovich** size up the competition before their match against Bishop Noll.

OILERS VS...

Lake Station	W	Westville	W
Calumet	L	Griffith	L
Hammond	W	Wheeler	L
Hobart	L	Clark	L
Gavit	W	River Forest	W
Morgan Twp.	W	EC/Wirt	W/W
Noll	L		
Morton/ Gavit	W/W		

Sectionals
9th place

Final Record 10-6

Baseball

Hit and Run

Oilers show improvement by season's end

It's been another successful season for the varsity baseball team. After a rocky beginning, the team ended the year playing their best. After struggling to a 3-12 start, the Oilers ended the year winning six in a row. The Oilers were led at the plate by sophomore **Steven Combs**, junior **Michael Keith** and senior **Sixto Arredondo**. Juniors **Matt Kobli**, **Drew Muratori**, **George Aponte**, and **Larry Rickmann** were the mainstays on the mound, with many other players making valuable contributions.

This year in addition to the varsity team there was a JV team for the first time in several years and it proved to be a success. Although their record was only 4-5, the JV players have had a chance to excel and they have paved the way for a bright future.

Below, The 2005 JV Baseball Team. Standing: **William Pustek**, **Jimmy Augustyn**, **Jeremy Dumezich**, **Timothy Wajvoda**, **Scott Drewniak**, **Coach Jennings**. Kneeling: **Eric Reyes**, **Brock Vale**, **Michael Rokicki**, **Adam Flores**, **Steven Coleman**

Right, Some of the JV players take a short break in the dugout during the game vs E.C. Central.

"I had a lot of fun this season. We started off a little bit shaky, but we came together toward the end and played like a team, so I can't wait until next season."
George Aponte, junior

"Baseball was fun this year. We had a lot of ups and downs. We started off bad, but we picked up the slack at the end of the year."
Jason Flores, junior

Above, The 2005 Varsity Baseball Team. Standing: **Sixto Arredondo**, **Drew Muratori**, **Matt Kobli**, **Michael Halajcsik**, **Michael Keith**, **Jon Lovasko**, and **Coach Lenz**. Kneeling: **Justin Plemon**, **Jason Flores**, **Tommy Gresko**, **George Aponte**, and **Steven Combs**.

JV OILERS VS...

Griffith	L	Calumet	W
Calumet	L	Lake Station	W
Hanover Central	L	Gavit	L
Lake Station	W	EC Central	W
Clark	L		

Final Record
4-5

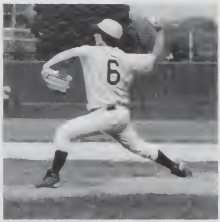
Below, Freshman **Justin Plemons** dares the batter to hit the ball his way.

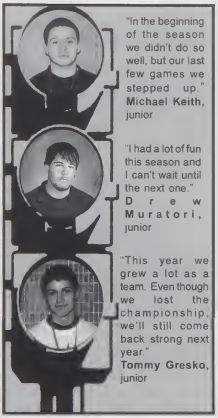
Above, Junior **George Aponte** is on the mound for the Oilers.

Right, **Sixto Arredondo** eyes his competition as he prepares to bat in the last home game of his high school career. "Making it to the sectional championship this year was my favorite memory because it's something that has not been done in awhile," said Arredondo.

Below, Hoping to intimidate the pitcher, junior **Matt Kobli** takes a big lead off first.

Above, Sophomore **Larry Rickmann** is ready for any pitch thrown in his direction.





"In the beginning of the season we didn't do so well, but our last few games we stepped up." **Michael Keith**, junior

"I had a lot of fun this season and I can't wait until the next one." **Drew Muratori**, junior

"This year we grew a lot as a team. Even though we lost the championship, we'll still come back strong next year." **Tommy Gresko**, junior

Left, Junior varsity pitcher **Steven Coleman** fires a strike at his E.C. Central opponent.

VARSITY OILERS VS...

Morgan Twp.	L	Lake Station	L
Griffith	L	Hammond High	W
Westville	W	Gavit	L
Westville	W	Morton	L
Calumet	L	Clark	L
Wheeler	L	Conf. Tourney	
Hanover Central	L	Griffith	L
Lake Station	L	Conf. Tourney	
E.C. Central	W	Lake Station	W
E.C. Central	L	Conf. Tourney	
Hammond High	L	Hobart	L
Gavit	L	Conf. Tourney	
LaCrosse	L	Calumet	W
Morton	L	Marquette	W
Clark	L	Wash. Twp.	W
Calumet	W	Hebron	W
Wheeler	W		

Sectionals
vs. Hebron W
LaCrosse W
Kouts L
Final Record
13-19

JV Football

Pass Go

Practice makes perfect

This year's football season was one of the most exciting in WHS history...but the success of the varsity team did not spill over onto the junior varsity team, unfortunately. Small numbers--only 11players through the whole season and three floating players--and injuries plagued the team. Freshman **Brock Vale** took on the quarterback position due to quarterback **Jeremy Dumezich's** injuries, and the young team had many adjustments to make. Though the team won only one game, they fought hard and experienced close games, such as BNI. Coach Cain also noted that the JV practiced extremely hard for varsity, a sign of the team's commitment and dedication. Freshman **Adam Flores** was named the JV MVP. Despite their record, the players learned a lot and gained experience. "The season was a fun memorable one with all my friends," said freshman **Matt Augustyn**.

Right, **Coach Verta** calls a time-out so that the team can regroup and put some much-needed points on the scoreboard.

"Even though I got hurt our first game, we got it together and performed our hardest as a team." Jeremy Dumezich, freshman

"The season was fun overall, although we didn't win that many games. It was nice seeing everyone go out and give it their all." Brock Vale, freshman

OILERS VS...	
Kankakee Valley	L
Calumet	L
Lake Station	L
Bishop Noll	L
Gavit	W
Clark	L
Final Record 1-5	

Left, **Jeremy Dumezich** runs around defenders gaining some yardage in the Calumet game.

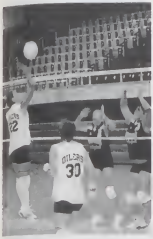
Below, Quarterback **Brock Vale** leads the offense in their next play.

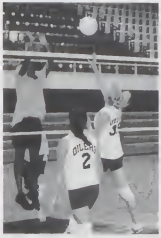
Above, The Oiler defense brings the Calumet ball carrier to a crushing halt before doing damage.

Above, Junior **George Aponte** *finally* gets tackled after a 20 yard reception against Gavit.

Below, Hoping to score a point: sophomore **Brittney Mansfield** strikes the ball over her opponents.

Below, Freshman **Ashley Kieltyka** hits the ball past the block of the defender...and she succeeds.





Below, The 2004 JV Volleyball Team. Standing: **Stephanie Perz**, **Ashley Kieltyka**, **Brittney Mansfield**, **Eileen Mills-Groninger**. Kneeling: **Sam Plavec**, **Victoria Franco**, **Sam Espinoza**.

OILERS VS...

Wash. Twp.	L	Munster	L
E.C. Central	W	Lake Station	L
River Forest	W	Kouts	L
Wheeler	L	Griffith	W
Morgan Twp.	W	Lowell	W
Clark	L	Gary W.S.	W
LaCrosse	W	Hebron	L
Gavit	W	Bishop Noll	L
Morton	W	G. Roosevelt	W
Calumet	I	Hobart	W
Hammond	W	Westville	L
Clark	L	Han. Cent.	W

Final Record 13-13

JV Volleyball

Bump in the Road

Working hard will pay off

Summertime is not only time to go on vacations, hang out with friends, and enjoy beautiful weather: for athletes, it is time to get in shape for the upcoming season. The volleyball team works really hard every summer to achieve success for the following season. "Summer conditioning helps us improve and get in shape for the season. Even though we work hard, we still have fun," said sophomore **Brittney Mansfield**, captain. "Summer conditioning is fun. I thought all the working out really helped us in the season," said sophmore **Sam Espinoza**, co-captain. The JV finished with a record of 13-13, and if they continue to work hard, can improve even more.

Most Memorable Moments

"Playing with my friends and just playing volleyball."
Samantha Plavec, freshman

"Playing cockroach in the summer and when my splint came off during the Clark game."
Victoria Franco, freshman

JV Boys' Basketball

Ready to Roll

JV Oilers Gain Experience

This year the JV Oilers gained a lot of experience because many of them played in varsity games. Even though the JV team didn't win any games, this season basically gave them much practice and training for next year when they will compete against older and more seasoned players.

"The junior varsity season was not about wins and losses; it was about a very young team learning to play the game of basketball, maturing, and developing confidence in themselves, and each other. By achieving these goals we not only had a winning season, but also formed a solid foundation for next year," said **Coach Rodgers.**

Oilers vs...

Wash. Twp.	L	North Newton	L
Morton	L	Hobart	L
Clark	L	Gavit	L
Westville	L	Grant Park	L
LAC Tourney	L	Ridgewood	L
Griffith	L	MC Marquette	L
Hanover	L	River Forest	L
Lake Station	L	Hebron	L
Lowell	L	Clark	L
Wheeler	L		

Final Record 0-20

Below, The 2004-2005 JV Boys' Basketball Team. Kneeling: **Michael Rokicki, Matt Puszkiewicz, Nathan Sabol**. Standing: **Jeremy Dumezich, John Lovasko, Jonathan Hayes, Tim Wajvoda, Coach Rodgers.**

Above, Freshman **Matt Puszkiewicz** has a huge opening and drives right past two defensive players.

Right, **Jeremy Dumezich**, freshman, makes a jump stop to make a quick pass to his open teammate.

"My most memorable moment was freshman year when we won our first game. It was a pretty fun throughout the season, but we had our ups and downs in games." **Bradley Wilson**, sophomore

"My most memorable moment was when we won our first game in the previous season. Our overall season was fun even though we didn't win any games." **Juan Jimenez**, sophomore

Below. In a crucial moment in the game **Elizabeth Sahagun** anticipates sinking her shot

Below. Bringing the ball down the court against Gavit is freshman **Natalie Mendez.**

Below. The 2004-2005 JV Girls' Basketball Team. Standing: **Elizabeth Sahagun, Melissa Velazquez, Natalie Mendez, Victoria Franco.** Sneeling: **Alex Simunic, Allison Miller, Erica Arroyo.**

OILERS VS...

Clark	L	Morton	L
Westville	L	Hebron	L
Calumet	L	Hammond	L
Bishop Noll	L	M.C. Marquette	L
Wash. Twp.	L	Griffith	L
Lake Station	L	Lowell	L
LaCrosse	W	Gavit	L
Clark	L	Wheeler	L
River Forest	L	South Central	L

LAC Tournament L
Final Record 1-17

JV Girls' Basketball

WARMING Up

Lady Oilers have fun despite a disappointing season

Even though the Lady Oilers JV basketball only had one win the entire season, they learned a lot. They had to work together as a team and learn from each other. Since only a small number of players tried out, some of the players from the JV team moved up to varsity. Despite a lot of disappointment, the players carried on. "Even though we only won one game, we had a lot of fun. **Coach Ed** was really fun to be around because he was always making us laugh," said junior **Alex Simunic**. "But, when it was time to be serious, he made sure we were playing smart and that we kept our heads in the game," she continued.

"We were all very close so it made it a little easier to work together as a team and have fun. Even though we had only one win it was one to remember," stated sophomore **Melissa Velazquez**.

Left. The junior varsity takes a time out to discuss the game winning strategy with **Coach Ed**.

"This year our basketball season was fun even though we didn't have many wins." Elizabeth Sahagun, sophomore

"My first year playing high school basketball was fun. Even though I mostly played J.V., it was still a good learning experience for me." Natalie Mendez, freshman

Activities

 Becky Noojin

Becky Noojin 45

The Way to...

Homecoming

Spirit Street

Above, Alyssa Chavez, Leann Martinez and Amelia Bach group together at the dance.

Left, Senior girls became their last homecoming dance.

The 2004 Homecoming Court. Freshmen Adam Flores and Isabel Tribes; sophomores Scott Drewniak and Melissa Stazyk; juniors Richard Wallace and April Denninghoff; seniors Queen Sara O'Drobinak and King Steve Wrzalinski; senior attendants Stephanie Eubek and Jay Ferryman, Maria Anaya and Justin Mis.

Homecoming 2004 was definitely an event to remember. The theme "Games" kept everyone excited and energized with Oiler spirit. Spirit Week was a great success that started off on Monday, Pajama Day; Tuesday, Jersey Day; Wednesday, Mix/Match Day; Thursday, Crazy Hair Day; and Friday, Green and White Day. The annual bonfire was held on Thursday after the parade and the pep—assembly was on Friday morning. The Oilers came out strong on Friday night beating the Gavit Gladiators and were on the road to their undefeated regular season. That night the king and queen were announced at halftime and seniors Sara O'Drobinak and Steve Wrzalinski couldn't—have been happier. The junior class took the coveted Spirit Stick with their theme "Barrel of Monkeys." "Winning the Spirit Stick as juniors was awesome! What can I say though? We are '06," said junior Leann Martinez. To cap off the week, the homecoming dance had a great turnout and was a fun, memorable experience for many.

Above, Juniors present their "Barrel Of Monkeys" float before the parade.

Above, The sophomore class displays their enthusiasm at the pep rally.

Above, "Homecoming was cool this year. I had fun at the pep rally, game, and dance. I'm really glad to have won homecoming king. The only sad part about the dance was not dancing the night away with the two lovely ladies Amelia Bach and Alyssa Chavez, but I did get to dance the night away with my queen Sara...hahaha!" senior Steve Wrzalinski.

Above, "Winning homecoming queen was a great way for me to start off my last year at Wolfing. It's an event that I will always remember and treasure," senior Sara O'Drobinak.

Below, Whiting High School students show off their "X Irene" spirit.

Below, "I enjoyed bringing my girlfriend to the dance, but my favorite parts were winning the football game and the Spirit Stick," said junior Jason Flores.

Below, "I met new ways really exciting and fun. The decorations and themes were cool," said freshman Tiffany Cervantes.

Below, Juniors congregate at the annual bonfire.

Left, Juniors express their creativity on spirit day.

Above, Seniors cheer their team on at the homecoming pep rally.

Left, Sophomores decorate their hallway for spirit week.

Above, The varsity cheerleaders walked with their favorite football players before the parade.

Above, Football players have a little fun at the homecoming dance.

Above, The freshmen take a break from dancing to pose for their first WHS group picture together.

The Way to...

Lily the Felon's Daughter

Spring Production

Above, Craven Sinclair (Manuel) and Compton (Lewis) flirt after Sinclair calls Lily rude.

Right, In the beginning Act One, Lily (Katie) and Betsy (Macon) carry on a conversation while sewing.

Above, The Fairweathers (Boland, and Macon) admire the ring Jonas purchases for Lily.

This spring, the Whiting High School Drama Club presented the romantic melodrama, "Lily the Felon's Daughter." Mr. Chuck "Chuckles" Brady took on the role of director of the production, but he is not a new face to the club members. He's been helping with the costumes, sets, and the casts from past plays.

The cast consisted of Kaitlin Price as Lily Fairweather; Destiny Macon as Betsy Fairweather; Jaime Reyes as Compton; Garreth Boland as Jonas Fairweather; John Stangel as Craven Sinclair; Michelle Mirza as Miss Ophelia; Gerlea Arroyo as Robin Steel; Eileen Mills-Groninger as Mrs. Kingsley; Mandy Edge as Mrs. Bloodgood; Laura Fentress as Marie; Nick Meyers as Lord Montgomery Montgomery; and the student director was Rachel Maslikowski.

Above, "I, Lily, the Felon's Daughter!" exclaims Lily (Katie) when learning her true identity at the end of Act Two.

Above, The cast of "Lily the Felon's Daughter" takes a group picture before their final dress rehearsal.

Above, Lord Montgomery (Nicholas) saves the day by hitting Craven with his bag of money.

Above, "I have a maid," Laura Fentress, Junior, holds a hat and cane in a gesture.

Below, "The play was so much fun! I learned a lot about theatre and made alot of new friends." Michelle Mirza, freshman

Below, Mrs. Hingsley (Milly Greninger) breaks the news of Lemuel's sudden engagement to Jenna.

Below, "I had a lot of fun doing this show. It was a great experience that I will never forget." Caitlin Price, junior

Below, Sinclair tries to persuade Lily to run away with him to avail.

Left, Sandy Duke, senior, is getting into character as the "angel of" Mrs. Hedgerd.

Above, Lily comforts her mother and sister Isabel for.

Above, Some of the cast members and student director Rachel Vasilkowski, senior, are here, waiting the rest of the cast to arrive from make up.

Left, Colin Sleet, played by Leifer Arrese, sophomore, asks, "Want to buy a bottle of ice?"

Above, Mr. Leifer and Andy Vandertive, senior, check to make sure all the mics are in the right place.

Above, Lemuel and Lily embrace after Lemuel only saves everyone from the evil Craven Sinclair.

The Way to...

Sectionals

Detour Ahead

Above, Celebrating after being crowned queen and king are Mallery Fertis and Victor Sahagun.

Right, the 2007 Sectionals Court: Juniors Patty Mera and George Apente; sophomores Kayla Lerez and Joe Brown; freshmen Cassie Linke and Jeremy Dumezich.

Above, The 2007 Senior Attendants Cecelia Garcia and Chris Hartman, Mallery Fertis and Victor Sahagun, Rollie Kelm and Kurt Banas.

This year's sectionals dance was unlike any other in recent WHS history. Students gathered in the beautifully decorated cafeteria on February 26 to spend a wonderful evening sponsored by the Class of 2007. The evening, however, did not go as planned. The D.J. scheduled for the dance failed to show up and students voted to reschedule the dance at a later date. On Friday, April 15, the dance was again held. This time around it was casual, and the PTO sponsored pizza and pop for all who attended. Near the end of the evening, the king and queen were finally announced, ending the two-month anticipation.

"I was really happy when I won, and I'd like to thank everyone who came to the dance and voted for me. 'os love!" said **Queen Mallory Kertis**.

"I was honored to win sectionals king. It felt good to get a crown and the dance was fun," said **King Victor Sahagun**.

Above, Samantha Flaver, freshman, tries to remain positive while students await the D.J.

Above, Jaime Reyes, Abby Gazda, and Rachel Masilkewski take the time to request a few songs.

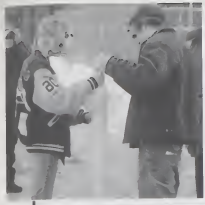
Above, Junior Jason Flores and his date line up to get their pictures taken at the first dance.

Above, Junior Gabby Cardenas and senior Justin Mis have a great time dancing the night away.

The Way to...

Science Olympiad

Formula for Success



Above, Filling the rocket with water, Steve Wrzaliński, senior, and Alex Simunic, junior, prepare to launch.

Hard work and dedication pay off, as the success of the Science Olympiad team proves year after year. Placing in the top ten in each competition they attended, the Science Olympiad team was definitely "on the rise" this year. At the first competition, held at South Bend Riley High School, the team took fourth place. At the second, at Spohn Middle School, the team took first.

At the regional competition at Purdue Calumet, the team took first place not only in Class A, but overall. For the state competition, the team traveled to Indiana University in Bloomington and placed eighth overall, surpassing last year's 16th place.

Above, After much hard work, the Science Olympiad team proudly show off their medals.

Above, Junior Matt Pohl and Steve Wrzaliński lead the chain for the tower to be tested.

Left, Preparing to race, Mr. Nichols glues a wheel onto his mousetrap car.

Above, At regionals, juniors Sandra Justison and Liz Cincotta compete in the Forensics event.

Above, Senior Andy Vanderbye perfects his tallest pet project. Vanderbye is one of the many seniors on the team who will be sorely missed.

Above, Sophomore Jimmy Anderson gets ready for a bivouac by studying his map for hat.

Sandra Justison

The Way to...

Prom

The Time of Your Life

Above, Students hit the dance floor to the "Electric Slide," a traditional favorite.

Right, Seniors Jackie Lopez and Justin Sly have fun dancing the night away.

Above, The seniors take a group picture to remember their senior prom.

Once spring break had come and gone, everyone's attention was turned toward the upcoming prom. This year's prom was held on May 13, 2005, at Meyer's Castle in Dyer. The theme was "Time of Your Life" and the colors were purple, lilac, and silver. Joe Ramos and Heather Lawson were crowned Prince and Princess, while Eugene Roman and Erica Velazquez were crowned Prom King and Queen. "The entire class of 2006 should be congratulated for their hard work and effort in putting on this beautiful prom," said Mrs. Mindas, junior class sponsor.

Above, Juniors Amanda Rodriguez and Angie Galaviz look beautiful in their dresses.

Above, Elegant couples arrive at Meyer's Castle for the prom beginning an evening filled with fun and memories.

Above, Juniors Cassie Puehler, Heather Lawson, Natalie Reyes and Nicol Ramos are having a great time.

Above, Prom queens share a slow dance with their dates.

Below, "It's a privilege to be named 2005 Prom King. It was an honor to be crowned at the last dance of my high school career. I would like to thank everyone who made that memorable night possible," said Prom King Eugene Roman.

Below, "I had a crush on him at prom, but when he was crowned prom queen, I realized I want to thank everyone who voted for me and want to say thanks for making my senior year a better one," said Prom Queen Erica Velazquez.

Below, I'm sorry, but their style for the prom can't near the beginning of the evening.

Below, Juniors Joe Lanes and Heather Lawson are crowned 2005 Prom King and Princess.

Left, Juniors Joe Torres and Liz Garcia make a handsome pair at Steve's Studio.

Above, Junior Gabby Cardenas, Mrs. Lolizolle, and junior Nick Suarez share a lunch together.

Above, The seniors walked during the senior circle to share their last dance together as a class.

Left, Junior Kristen Stokesa and her date take a picture before being seated for dinner.

Above, The seniors lead the way in the conga line.

Above, Juniors Tommy Cieski and Amelia Lach share a special moment together.

Kristen Stokesa

The Way to...

Cinco de Mayo

Muy Fantastico!

Above, Junior Angie Lalaviz hurries to find the letters to spell "Cinco de Mayo."

Right, Freshman Jon Lovaske tries to throw a piñata incorporate cactus during the class games.

Above, The Las Villidas dancers pose for a picture before performing for the students.

The Cinco de Mayo holiday is not for celebrating independence. It is a day of remembrance of a one day battle between the French and the Mexicans. About 4,000 Mexicans soldiers defeated the French and traitor Mexican army of 8,000 at Pueblo, Mexico, 100 miles east of Mexico City on the morning of May 5, 1862. Every other year the Spanish Club sponsors a Cinco de Mayo celebration that the student body is able to enjoy. "I thought Cindo de Mayo went great, especially toward the end of the celebration. The mariachi was very entertaining, especially for the girls. Overall it was awesome," said Spanish Club President Hugo Torres.

Above Spanish Club officers Tommy Lovaske and Jasch Flores wear *fiesta* costumes for the celebration. Where's Sonia, Matt Cahill?

Above, Alyssa Chavez, Mallory Lewis, Amelia Lach, Angie Lalaviz and Amanda Cordinez smile while they anxiously wait for their tables to be called to lunch.

Above, Freshmen boys are ready for the food and festivities to begin at their first Cinco de Mayo.

Above, A long line of students starts to form as everyone receives their lunches.

Below, "Cinco de Mayo was a lot fun. The dancers and the mariachi were great! The whole day was memorable." Cinco de Mayo Queen Vanessa Franco.

Below, "Cinco de Mayo was my fantastic and memorable reign as Cinco de Mayo King as a senior. Just made it that much better. Viva Mexico!" King Justin Ortiz.

Below, Juniors Caitlin Price, Kristen McKeon, Sandra Justison, Laura Ventress and Sam Fessenline listen to the mariachi music.

Below, Senior Fernando Suarez competes in and wins the bean eating contest.

Left, Junior Leann Martinez shows off her outfit after outlining other costume.

Above, Freshmen Matt Amundson and Mike Eckickl play in the games.

Above, Juniors Lauren Wizalinski, Val Reyes, Lilia Ferrera and Megan Fulman enjoy the afternoon's festivities.

Above, These girls kick to mariachi all the fun they'll be having as the celebration gets underway.

Above, Senior Eugene Leman appreciates an opportunity to depart from his usual cafeteria lunch.

Above, The mariachi plays a song that was requested by one of the students during the afternoon.

Loaded With Options

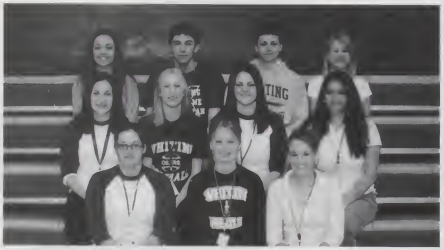
Students participate in clubs

Environmental Club

First Row: Fundraising Chair Alyssa Chavez; Recycling Chair John Stangel; Field Trips/Earth Day Chair Amelia Bach. Second Row: Michelle Mirza, Hugo Torres, Jacklyn Perez, Mallory Kertis, Vanessa Franco, Erica Velazquez, Sonja Jevdosic. Third Row: Diana Lupo, Victoria Franco, Ashley Kieltyka, Gerica Arroyo, Erica Arroyo, Stephanie Perz, Jayde Garza. Fourth Row: Gilberto Ruiz, Chris Hartman, Alex Harris, Ryan Terry, Sandra Tustison, Kathleen DeLaney. Fifth Row: Tommy Gresko, Mike Keith, Matt Kobli, Nick Suarez.

Choir

Front Row: Tiffany Bayless, Rebecca Maslikowski, Erica Arroyo, Natalie Mendez. Middle Row: Elise Elza, Cynthia Alvarado, Destiny Macon, Eileen Mills-Groninger, Sonja Jevdosic, Nallely DeLeon. Last Row: Mandy Edge, Jaime Reyes, Kaitlin Price, Samantha Lessentine, Laura Fentress, John Stangel, Gerica Arroyo



Stats & Managers

First Row: Sonja Jevdosic, Megan Kalman, Melissa Slazyk. Middle Row: Natalie Mendez, Ashley Kieltyka, Elizabeth Curosh, Vanessa Franco. Last Row: Jacklyn Perez, Nick Suarez, Tommy Gresko, Alexandra Simunic.

Band

Front Row: Andrew Vanderbye, Mandy Edge, Jason Zander, Garreth Boland. Back Row: Stephen Wrzalinski, Nick Meyers, Richard Wallace, Natalie Prskalo.

Drama Club

First Row: Michelle Mirza, Erica Arroyo, Jaime Reyes, Kaitlin Price, John Stangel. Second Row: Garreth Boland, Gerica Arroyo, Laura Fentress, Mandy Edge, Destiny, Macon. Third Row: Nick Meyers, Diana Lupo, Emilee Kalocinski, Sandra Tustison, Samantha Lessentine. Fourth Row: Stephanie Perz, Eileen Mills-Groninger, Andrew Vanderbye.

Academic Team

First Row: Angie Galaviz, Amanda Rodriguez, Becky Noojin, Vanessa Franco, Andrew Vanderbye, Alycia Clemente. Second Row: Stephanie Perz, Gerica Arroyo, Ryan Terry, Alex Harris, Danielle Vega, Samantha Thompson. Third Row: Natalie Mendez, John Stangel, Sandra Tustison, Samantha Lessentine, Kristen Stoklosa, Jimmy Augustyn. Fourth Row: Elizabeth Curosh, Matt Kobli, Jason Flores.

Science Olympiad

First Row: Stephanie Perz, Gerica Arroyo, Andrew Vanderbye, Nathan Sabol, Matthew Puszkiewicz, Jonathon Lovasko. Second Row: John Stangel, Sandra Tustison, Victoria Franco, Erica Arroyo, Ashley Kieltyka, Diana Lupo. Third Row: Alex Simunic, Jacklyn Perez, Jimmy Augustyn, Hugo Torres, Alex Harris, Tim Wajvoda. Fourth Row: Nick Suarez, Tommy Gresko, Matt Kobli, Elizabeth Curosh, Vanessa Franco, Stephen Wrzalinski, Daniel Young.

Loaded With Options

Students participate in clubs

Senior National Honor Society

Front Row: Sara O'Drobinak, Andrew Vanderbye, Vice-President Vanessa Franco. Back Row: Secretary Mallory Kertis, Bridget Weller, Treasurer Becky Noojin, President Justin Mis.

National Honor Society New Inductees

Front Row: Jacklyn Perez, Elizabeth Curosh, Amelia Bach, Amanda Rodriguez, Sandra Tustison, Alexandra Simunic. Back Row: Ryan Terry, Fernando Munoz, Tommy Gresko, Matt Kobli, Nick Suarez

Spanish Club

President Hugo Torres, Vice-President Matt Kobli, Secretary Jason Flores, Treasurer Tommy Gresko.

 David Finegan

Student Council

First Row: President Maria Anaya, Secretary Backy Noojin, Vice-President Danielle Vega. Second Row: Stephen Wrzalinski, Nathan Sabol, Tommy Gresko, Jason Flores. Third Row: Jaime Reyes, Mandy Edge, Victoria Franco, Leann Martinez, Melissa Slazyk. Fourth Row: Ashley Oswald, Sara O'Drobinak, Jacklyn Perez, Matt Kobli, Amelia Bach.

Booster Club

First Row: President Stephanie Puhek, Vice-President Cecelia Garcia; Secretary Vanessa Franco; Treasurer Becky Noojin. Second Row: Hugo Torres, Jacklyn Perez, Amelia Bach, Mallory Kertis, Ashley Oswald, Maria Anaya. Third Row: Victoria Franco, Ashley Kieltyka, Tiffany Cervenka, Danielle Vega, Fernando Munoz. Fourth Row: Chris Hartman, Alex Harris, Elizabeth Curosh, Sandra Tustison. Fifth Row: Megan Kalman, Leann Martinez, Matt Kobli.

Tattler

Front Row: Layout Editor Ryan Terry, Managing Editor Stephen Wrzalinski. Middle Row: Stephanie Puhek, Nick Suarez, Amanda Rodriguez, Elizabeth Curosh. Back Row: Jacklyn Perez, Tommy Gresko, Alexandra Simunic, Nick Meyers. Not pictured: Cassie Buehler, Matt Elza, Valarie Reyes.

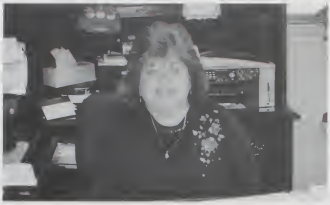
Reflector

Front Row: Alyssa Chavez, Amelia Bach, Editor Justin Mis; Mallory Kertis, Ads Editor Angie Galaviz. Middle Row: Danielle Vega, Jen Furto, Jill Furto, Lauren Wrzalinski, Kristen Stoklosa, Patty Mora, Sandra Tustison. Back Row: Samantha Lessentine, Maria Anaya, David Finegan, Ashley Oswald, Kathy Pachowicz, Ads Editor Gabby Cardenas, Becky Noojin, Cecelia Garcia.

People

Becky Noojin

Administration & Staff



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Mrs. Diana Smyser

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Mr. Robert Klosek

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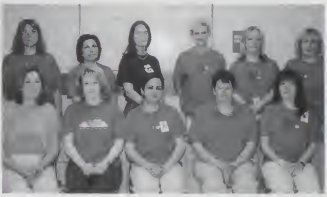

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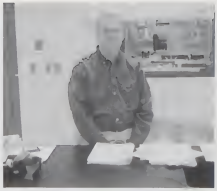

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Mr. John Sorota, Science, Math

Mr. Ron Vrabel, Social Studies

Class of 2008

Above, The Freshmen Class Officers: **Victoria Franco**, secretary; **Erica Arroyo**, vice-president; **Nathan Sabol**, president; and **Santiago Nieto**, treasurer.

Freshmen

Alexander Anaszewicz

Erica Arroyo

Matthew Augustyn

Melanie Becerra

Amanda Benninghoff

Ashley Casillas

Melissa Castellano

Tiffany Cervenka

Michael Clark

Steven Coleman

John Conrad

Michael Corman

John Demkovich

Danielle Droski

Jeremy Dumezich

Elise Elza

Alicia Fentress

Adam Flores

Victoria Franco

Joseph Franko

Jessica Garcia

Grecia Gomez

Jonathan Hayes

Jamie Jordan

Emilee Kalocinski

Josef Kelm

Ashley Kieltyka

Haydee Lara

Cassi Linko

Jonathon Lovasko

Diana Lupo

Amber Lytle

Alexis Mansfield

Rebecca Maslikowski

Natalie Mendez

Katrina Midkiff

 Angie Galaviz

Riding shotgun

Michelle Mirza

Aaron Mitre

Crystal Murzyn

Santiago Nieto

Zachary O'Drobinak

Aubrey Ostrowski

Victor Perez

Samantha Plavec

Justin Plemons

Natalie Prskalo

William Pustek

Matthew Puszkiewicz

Michael Ramirez

Elizabeth Reyes

Eric Reyes

Anthony Rodriguez

Michael Rokicki

Nathan Sabol

Kristin Setlak

Samantha Thompson

Claudia Torres

John Tustison

Isabel Uribe

Brock Vale

Amy Vanna

Amanda Velazquez

Andres Villegas

Timothy Wajvoda

Ashley Williams

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Above, Freshmen show their spirit during the class cheer competition at their first homecoming pep assembly.

Angie Galaviz

Class of 2007

Right, The Sophomore Class Officers. Bottom: **John Stangel**, president; **Allison Miller**, treasurer. Top: **Elizabeth Sahagun**, secretary.

COMING SOON

Sophomores

Branden Acheson

Anthony Adair

Tanya Almendarez

Cynthia Alvarado

Maria Alvarez

Gerica Arroyo

James Augustyn

Joseph Brown

Richard Cabral

Anthony Clemente

Steven Combs

Christina Craft

Julianna Cruz

Kathleen DeLaney

Theresa Diaz

Scott Drewniak

Samantha Espinoza

David Fishel

Nicole Garcia

Jayde Garza

Abigail Gazda

Olivia Gomez

Leticia Grageda

Michael Halajcsik

Stephanie Herrera

Kimberly Holtrop

Lorena Iniquez

Matteau Isbill

Steven Janas

Kelly Jansky

Sonja Jevdosic

Juan Jimenez

Codi Linko

Destiny Macon

Cristina Magallanes

Brittney Mansfield

 Angie Galaviz

Learners' Permits

Jose Marin

Rachel Maslikowski

Daniela Mendez

Christopher Midkiff

Allison Miller

Eileen Mills Groninger

Milan Milutinovic

Kayla Perez

Stephanie Perz

Vanessa Quiroz

Larry Rickmann

Gilberto Ruiz

Elizabeth Sahagun

Linda Sanchez

Andrew Serafin

Daniel Serrano

Melissa Slazyk

Christopher Smith

Michael Spencer

John Stangel

Merisa Szala

Melissa Velazquez

Michelle Wakefield

Przemyslaw Wiejak

Bradley Wilson

Jason Zander

Above, Sophomore girls make for a pretty picture at the homecoming dance.

Above, Sophomores model a variety of hairstyles to complement their new school uniforms.

Angie Galaviz

Class of 2006

Above, The Junior Class Officers: **Angie Galaviz**, vice-president; **Liz Curosh**, secretary; **Alex Simunic**, president; and **Hugo Torres**, treasurer.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
EVACUATION ROUTE
EXIT TO OLIVER CR
THE STREET, TURN
AND GO AROUND
TO SHERIDAN
TURN LEFT TO
STREET AND CROS
TO CLARK STREET
ON CLARK TO
COMMUNITY
A STREET

WHITING
ILER

Juniors...

George Aponte

Amelia Bach

April Benninghoff

Garreth Boland

Cassandra Buehler

Gabriela Cardenas

Alyssa Chavez

Alycia Clemente

Luis Cossyleon

Jessica Cruz

Elizabeth Curosh

Zachary Dumezich

Laura Fentress

Jason Flores

Nisa Franco

Angelica Galaviz

Thomas Gresko

Erica Herrera

Megan Kalman

Michael Keith

Cortis Kerst

Matthew Kobli

Adam Korman

Heather Lawson

Samantha Lessentine

Ryan Lewandowski

Braulio Lopez

Leann Martinez

Nicholas Myers

Patricia Mora

 Angie Galaviz

Probation period

Andrew Muratori

Luis Neri

Kaitlin Price

Joseph Ramos

Valarie Reyes

Amanda Rodriguez

Andrew Sherer

Alexandra Simunic

Anthony Stack

Kristen Stoklosa

Nicholas Suarez

Hugo Torres

Sandra Tustison

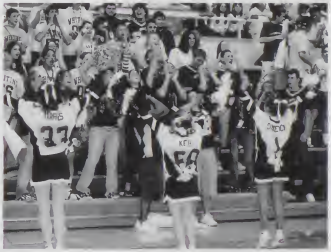
Jonathan Walker

Richard Wallace

Lauren Wrzalinski

Above, Lovely junior ladies pose with their dates before the prom festivities begin.

Above, Junior thespians **Nick Meyers** and **Laura Fentress** impress their audience in the drama club's spring production of "Lily the Felon's Daughter."


Above, Led by the cheerleaders, the juniors let the other classes know how much they support their team. The juniors were the winners of the Spirit Stick which was awarded later that evening.

Class of 2005

Above, The Senior Class Officers: **Becky Noojin**, treasurer; **Vanessa Franco**, president; **Sara O'Drobinak**, vice-president; **Jackie Perez**, secretary.

Volleyball

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Class of 2005

Maria Guadalupe Anaya

Lupita, Cupcake

Activities: Cheerleading 1, Who's Who 1-4, Homecoming Court 4, Sectionals Court 2, Booster Club 1-4, Spanish Club 2&4, Student Council 1-4, Class Officer 2
Likes: Chocolate, money, rich men, diamonds, Christian Dior, purses, shopping, working out with Jessica
Dislikes: Girls, liars, being broke, waking up early, working, haters, ignorance, insecurity
Future Plans: Attending IU Bloomington, majoring in Business & Fashion, opening up my own salon and starting my own clothing and accessory line.
OtherAwards/Achievements: Student Council President

Joshuah Timothy Cornell

Josh

Activities: Football 1, Golf 1-4, Web Club 1-4.
Likes: Pontiac Grand Prix, women, golf, bowling, White Sox, alternative music, computers, *The Simpsons*
Dislikes: The Cubs, Whiting
Future Plans: Go to Vincennes University and become a Web master. Also, become a PBA Bowler when I turn 21!

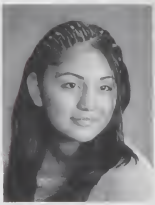
Sixto Arredondo

Activities: Basketball 1-4, Football 1-4, Baseball 1-4, Who's Who 2-4, Sectionals Court 2, Booster Club 4, Spanish Club 2&4, Boys State 3.
Likes: The Sox, the Intrepid, females, Hooters Restaurant, days we don't have school
Dislikes: The Cubs, girls with fades, brown nosers, people who gossip constantly
Future Plans: Go to Purdue Lafayette and major in Building Construction Management, start my own business, and live happily.
OtherAwards/Achievements: Football Captain 2-4, Basketball Captain 2-4, All-State Football 4, All-Conference Football 2-4.

Nallely Anahi DeLeon

Ms. Delgado

Other Schools Attended: George Washington High School 1
Activities: Tennis 3, Choir 2-4.
Likes: Brian, swimming, soccer, go carting, horseback riding, paintballing, tennis.
Dislikes: Gossip, haters, gyros.
Future Plans: Go to radiology school, marry Brian, open a daycare center, and live happily ever after
Other Awards/Achievements: Played varsity tennis my first year.



Kurt John Banas Jr.

Ghandi

Activities: Golf 1-3, Sectionals Court 4.
Likes: Peace signs, Chinese symbols, Pop Tarts, women, hackie sack, being myself, Cheddar Nutz, ying yangs, Buddha, tranquility, silence, music.

Amanda Jane Edge

Mandy, Burp

Activities: Basketball 2, Cross Country 2, Who's Who 4, Band 1-4, Choir 3&4.
Likes: #13, the color orange, having fun, hanging out with my friends, sports
Dislikes: I can't think of anything I don't like.
Future Plans: Have as much fun as I possibly can, go to school, get a job, make money, and get whatever I want.

Jason Berryman

Jay

Activities: Homecoming Court 4.
Likes: Emotional music, BMX, life, meaning, tragedy, sincerity, '80s, Des, new beginnings, memories, writing, the Republican Party.
Dislikes: Arrogance, violence, incompetence, war, blasphemy, the end, car crashes
Future Plans: Plan on finding myself during the course of life, and on this journey I will end all war
OtherAwards/Achievements: I made it through Whiting High School.

Matthew Aulton Elza

Matty

Activities: Basketball 1-4, Football 1&2, Golf 1-4, Homecoming Court 3, Sectionals Court 3, Prom Prince 3, Tattler 4
Likes: Food, sports, music, boxers, girls.
Dislikes: People who think that they are better, school, briefs.
Future Plans: Go to college for architecture, design my own house, and retire.
Other Awards/Achievements: Varsity letter, Gold, football, basketball, Scout Squad award (football), Honor Roll (one quarter).

Michael Jeffries Espinoza

Likes: Music, playing guitar, computers, cars, TV, The Cubs, Larry the Cable Guy, women, *Simpsons*, Sara in Choice class
Dislikes: Rude or arrogant people
Future Plans: Go to college and get a degree in auto mechanics, get a job, and continue playing guitar.

Jennifer Furto

Activities: Volleyball 1-3, Cheerleading 2, Spanish Club 2, Choir 2, Reflector 4
Likes: Myself, Jill, volleyball, running, tanning, summertime, cute guys, shopping, shoes, raspberry iced tea, flowers, Hollister clothing, mirney, Fannie May Trinidads, Avril Lavinge, pink.
Dislikes: Jealous people, seafood, gossip, Mondays, cold water, waking up early, people who stare, waiting, strawberries
Future Plans: Go to Ball State, marry the man of my dreams, and live happily ever after

David Finegan

Activities: Choir 2, Reflector 4, Spanish Club 2.
Likes: Clubbing, shopping, talking, hanging out with my friends, going to the movies.
Dislikes: School, homework, work, fake people, driving, wannabe's, Mondays, waking up before 12 p.m
Future Plans: Go to college, make a lot of money, buy a car and house, retire young

Jill Ann Furto

Activities: Volleyball 1-4, Cheerleading 2, Choir 2, Spanish Club 2, Reflector 4.
Likes: Myself, tanning, weekends, summertime, volleyball, running, pink, Jennifer, shopping, laughing, cute jewelry, algebra, flip-flops, candles, Subway.
Dislikes: Mondays, mean people, rainy days, getting up early, winter, haters, leg burners, geometry, orange Skittles
Future Plans: Attend Ball State and study in a field that will bring me much success and fun along the way and live happily ever after.

Niomi Monica Franco

Nia

Activities: Basketball 1&2, Volleyball 1-4, Softball 1-4, Mat Maid 1, Sectionals Court 3, Spanish Club 2&4.
Likes: Food, pigs, hanging out with friends, playing softball, tanning, being outdoors and just relaxing.
Dislikes: Fake people, when people try to impress others instead of being themselves.
Future Plans: I plan to go to Purdue Calumet to become an elementary teacher and marry my lovely boyfriend, Greg, and live happily ever after.
Other Awards/Achievements: Letter in softball and volleyball

Cecelia Garcia

Cecy

Activities: Sectionals Court 4, Booster Club 3-4, Spanish Club 4, Reflector 4.
Likes: Shopping, Table 9, Old Navy, telling secrets in the Neon with Steph and Becky, Reflector, country music, BSB, tanning, Friday night games, Maria speaking her mind, movie nights, iced tea, sophomore year, walks, Baskin Robbins
Dislikes: Burger King, Dr. Pepper, getting run over by Justin, mean people, homework
Future Plans: Decide a college to go to, go to it, get married, have all nine of my children, and have as much fun as I can while doing all of this.

Vanessa Marie Franco

V, Bela Nerd

Activities: Basketball 1-4, Volleyball 1-4, Stat person 3-4, Academic Team 2-4, Science Olympiad 2-4, Who's Who 1-4, Kiwanis Top Ten 3-4, Prom Princess 3, NHS 3-4, Booster Club 1-4, Spanish Club 2&4, Student Council 1-2, Class Officer 1,2,4, Environmental Club 4
Likes: Sports, shopping, hanging out, Extreme, ice cream, driving to Six Flags, being an office aide.
Dislikes: Being run over by Justin, carbon, lab reports, Monday mornings.
Future Plans: Go to Purdue and major in Chemistry, then I want to go to medical school and become a pediatrician.

Michael Alexander Harris

Harris, A-Train

Activities: Basketball 1, Academic Team 4, Science Olympiad 3-4, Kiwanis Top Ten 3-4.
Likes: Fire, sleep, punk rock music, parties, women, guitar, John Kerry, King Chop Suey, ironic situations, cars, pizza, TV, *Family Guy*, *Simpsons*, hippies, peace, DVD's, CD's, Al Gore, Bill Clinton.
Dislikes: Greed, money, welfare, taxes, inspiration, doors, cold, Wesley Snipes, bricks, uniforms, Republicans, war
Future Plans: Four years at Purdue West Lafayette for engineering and such, graduate college, get rich, etc.

CLass Colors:

White, Gold, Silver

CLass Motto:

We are now on our way, recalling every second of every day, the friends we made, the dreams we had, remembering all parts, happy, some sad. But things are not over and done, we know the best is yet to come.

Christopher Simeon Hartman

Hartman

Activities: Golf 2-4, German Club 1-3, Environmental Club 4, Booster Club 4, Student Council Officer 4, Sectionals Court 4.
Likes: Music (Emo/Alternative), games, sleep, slacking, chilling with friends.
Dislikes: Dress codes, liars, back stabbers, violence.
Future Plans: Get out of Whiting, go to Ball State and study hard, and hopefully major in architecture.
Other Awards/Achievements: Graduating from Whiting High School

Hollie Marie Kelm

Hollie-berrie, Holliester

Activities: Volleyball 1, Cheerleading 1, Spanish Club 1, Environmental Club 1, Reflector 4, Sectionals Court 4.
Likes: Art, cooking, skating, travel, comfort, the truth, shopping, pets, family, Tropics, Ricardo Quiroz.
Dislikes: Disrespectful people, gossipers, yelling, fighting, pack rats, peas, long shorts, media, pollution, rap, dolls, bills.
Future Plans: Have a career in culinary arts, nice car, nice house, and a family (in a few years). Get out of Whiting.
Other Awards/Achievements: Volunteered at Amoco/BP for several years, supported and participated in the March of Dimes for six years, and graduated

Lissette Ivette Hernandez

Liz, Lizzy

Other Schools Attended: James H. Bowen High School 1.
Activities: German Club 3-4
Likes: Sleeping, shopping, chillin', crusin', "Tasia", pizza, baby blue, my hood, South Chicago, clubbing, purses.
Dislikes: Whiting, WHS haters, McDonald's, waking up early, my hair, slow drivers, seafood, waiting, homework.
Future Plans: Attend Columbia College Downtown, major in journalism, move back to the hood, find a fine man to marry and have kids, become an editor of a magazine.
Other Awards/Achievements: Secretary 3-4

Mallory Helen Kertis

Mal, Melody

Activities: Cross Country 2-4, Cheerleading 1-4, Who's Who 1-4, Kiwanis Top Ten 3-4, Sectionals Queen 4, Choir 1-3, Reflector 3, Spanish Club 4, Booster Club 3-4, Environmental Club 3-4, Student Council 3, NHS 3-4, Drama Production 2, Girls Staff.
Likes: Locker buddy, chocolate milkshakes, stars, being "one of the guys", Dam's stories with her hands, peanut butter.
Dislikes: College basketball, Xanga, cigarettes, Red Sox, Greenbay Packers, ignorance, Japanese animation, pop.
Future Plans: Go to IUPUI, majoring in pre-dental and become an orthodontist.
Other Awards/Achievements: Academic Team All Conference (Cross Country), Homecoming Roll.

Justin Evan Kalselis

Yao-Ming

Other Schools Attended: St. Benedict High School 1-2
Activities: Baseball 2
Likes: Chess, women, Romero's class, late night White Castle, music.
Dislikes: Uniforms, school ID's, school policies, cameras in the hallways.
Future Plans: Go to college to become a computer programmer.

Justin Michael Mis

J.Mis

Activities: Golf 1-4, Academic Team 1-4, Science Olympiad 1-4, Who's Who 1-4, Kiwanis Top Ten 3-4, Homecoming Court 1&4, Spanish Club 2&4, Booster Club 1-4, NHS 3-4, Student Council 1-2, BPA 1-2, Boys State 3, Reflector 2-4, Editor 4
Likes: Sox, Justin's Angels, 6th hour, the Lumina, '06 crew, pimpin' in the Intrepid, Table 9, office ladies, tanning, golf bus rides, EXTREME Friday nights.
Dislikes: Cubs, gettin' caught up, lab reports, morning schedule, broccoli.
Future Plans: Having fun, living life to the fullest, making money as a CRNA, and stop letting people get the best of me.

Fernando Munoz

Fernie

Activities: Basketball 1, Kiwanis Top Ten 3-4, NHS 4, Spanish Club 2&4, Booster Club 4.
Likes: BMX, music, cars (Mitsubishi Lancer), soccer, hockey, *Family Guy*, Chinese food, Pop Tarts, Adio, DC, washing my car, PS2, blue, fireworks.
Dislikes: Meat, McDonald's, Saturn cars, rap, people who can't sing, calculus, English, taxes.
Future Plans: Go to college, get a job, die of old age.
Other Awards/Achievements: Honor Roll.

Ashley Nicole Oswald

Ash, Gimpy

Activities: Basketball 1-4, Cross Country 1-3, Spanish Club 2&4, Environmental Club 1-3, Booster Club 3-4, Student Council 3-4, Reflector 4, Band 1-3, Class Officer 1.
Likes: Blink 182, food, drawing, music, basketball, econ/gov, with Lissette and Jaime, rollerblading, family, friends.
Dislikes: Tomatoes, knee injuries, liars, smokers, backstabbers, crutches.
Future Plans: Go to college, get all the education I can, become successful in life and prove the people who had their comments about me wrong.
Other Awards/Achievements: Sectional Champs for basketball, Upward Bound, Regionals for Cross Country.

Rebecca Marie Noojin

Becky, Reba

Activities: Softball 2, Academic Team 3-4, Who's Who 1-4, Kiwanis Top Ten 3-4, Booster Club 3-4, Spanish Club 2&4, Student Council 2-4, NHS 3-4, Reflector 4, Class Treasurer 2-4, X-treme 4.
Likes: Sleeping, going to Mexico, secrets in the Neon, IU, Friday night football games, summer, Table 9, riding in the trunk, making things disappear.
Dislikes: Waking up, nosy people, getting run over by Justin, liars, Purdue, winters, Mondays, research papers.
Future Plans: Go to IUB, decide on a major, and move far away from Whiting.
Other Awards/Achievements: Honors Diploma, National Honor Roll.

Kathy Marie Pachowicz

Kasha, Rosanne

Activities: Choir 1-3.
Likes: Playing pool at Jukebox, working, meeting new people, parties, RTC, DC's, hanging out with my friends, the drive-in, road trips, 1/2 days, shopping.
Dislikes: Mean people, fake people, slow drivers, traffic, fights, speeding tickets, research papers, read-ups, sunburns, semi's, quiet people.
Future Plans: Go to Purdue Cal, graduate from college, move out of Indiana, make a lot of money, and then, of course, become famous.
Other Awards/Achievements: Went to ISSMA placed 2nd in Division 1.

Sara Ann O'Drobinak

Sarbear, SaraO

Activities: Tennis 1-3, Cheerleading 1-4, Kiwanis Top Ten 3-4, Homecoming Queen 4, NHS 3-4, Student Council 4, Class V.P. 1-4, Girls State 3.
Likes: Pepperoni pizza with banana peppers, Jeeps, Mike Espinoza in Choice, s'mores, water, swimming, cheerios, vanilla, shakes.
Dislikes: I can't think of anything I don't like.
Future Plans: Have as much fun as I possibly can, go to school, get a job, make money, and get whatever I want.
Other Awards/Achievements: Cheerleading Captain, Tennis "W", Cheer "W".

Esmeralda Yvonne Patino

Ezzy

Activities: Choir 3.
Likes: Sleeping, going to the movies, chillin' with friends, shopping, clothes, shoes, fries with ketchup and mayo, guys.
Dislikes: School, work, fake people, colorful things, overly happy people.
Future Plans: Go to college, become a cop, get a nice crib and ride, have a couple children (maybe).

Misty Percianoff

Musty

Activities: Volleyball 1, Tennis 1, Choir 2.
Likes: Chilling with friends, tennis sleeping, clothes, shoes.
Dislikes: School, Burger King, McDonald's.
Future Plans: Go to college, become something great, help people, hopefully find my true love, get married and have children...what can I say, I'm a dreamer

Jaime Adrian Reyes

Jaime"o"

Activities: Cheerleading 3-4, Academic Team 1-2, Choir 1-4, Drama 2-4, German Club 3-4.
Likes: Hot people, *American Idol*, my Chicago girls and Ezzy, The Fab 3, clubbing, eating, dancing, singing.
Dislikes: Nasties, work, detentions for ID's, fake people, haters, immaturity, rap, followers.
Future Plans: I am going to become a hot model, launch my singing career and move to a city so that I can get an accent.

Jacklyn Nicole Perez

Jpp, Jackalackalyn

Activities: Manager 3-4, Science Olympiad 1-4, Who's Who 2-3, Homecoming Court 3, Class Secretary 3-4, NHS 4, Tattler 4, Spanish Club 2&4, Environmental Club 4, Booster Club 4, Student Council 3-4, Girls State 3.
Likes: *Finding Nemo*, White Sox, Matt Kobli, Danielle's crazy stories with her hands, Ryan Cabrera, chocolate.
Dislikes: Cubs, basketball, *Shrek*, dirty looking guys.
Future Plans: Attend Purdue Lafayette, become a lawyer, marry, and have kids.
Other Awards and Achievements: Academic and Manager "W"

Eugenio Roman III

Poohie, Eugene

Likes: Hanging with friends, chilling in "tha basement", bar-b-ques, music, movies, spending time with family, writing poems, food.
Dislikes: Loud people, following rules, lies, crowded places.
Future Plans: To go on to college to study telecommunications and other studies that interest me. I plan to go to college around this area, and hopefully sometime in the future, move far away from this little town.
Other Awards/Achievements: Graduating high school; Prom King

Stephanie Carlene Puhek

Poohie, Puhek

Activities: Basketball 2, Volleyball 1, Softball 1-4, Booster Club 3-4, Student Council 3, Homecoming Court 1&4.
Likes: Clothes, duckies, watching movies with Mikey, Mr. Cain, getting my way, the Neon, summertime, the color yellow.
Dislikes: People telling me what to do, birds that poop on my car, rain, running after practice, stress, Nionni's attitude.
Future Plans: Have as much fun as I possibly can; go to school, get a job, make money, and get whatever I want.
Other Awards/Achievements: Booster Club President, lettered in softball all four years.

Victor Sahagun

Vic

Activities: Basketball 1-4, Football 1-4, Homecoming Court 2, Sectionals King 4.
Likes: Football, basketball, lifting.
Dislikes: I can't think of anything I don't like.
Future Plans: Go to college
Other Awards/Achievements: First Team All Conference for football

Class Flower:
Calla Lily

Cristina Santos

Likes: Sleeping, shopping, hanging out with friends, hanging out with my boyfriend, chillin', soccer, pizza, French fries, money, music, dancing.
Dislikes: School, homework, working, haters, snow, rainy days, Chinese food, waking up early.
Future Plans: Going to college, work to make a lot of money, get married, have kids, and have a nice big house.

Ryan Charles Terry

Activities: Football 1-2, Wrestling 2, Academic Team 4, Science Olympiad 1-4, Who's Who 3-4, Kiwanis Top Ten 3-4, Spanish Club 2&4, Web Club 1-2, FBLA 1, Environmental Club 3-4, Student Council 3, NHS 4, Tattler 3-4.
Likes: Half days, Drive-Thru Records, Rushmore Records, Danielle's stories with her hands, Wicky Woo 2.
Dislikes: School uniforms, school ID's, pictures of myself, gas prices.
Future Plans: Attend PUC in the fall and then after college, move on to a career in Law Enforcement.
Other Awards/Achievements: Tattler Layout Editor, National Honor Roll, Academic, Football and Wrestling "W's"

Nathan Vito Serna
Nate

Likes: Sports, spending time with family, hanging out with friends, cars, music, television.
Dislikes: Liars, cheaters, smoking, homework, reading.
Future Plans: Attend Purdue Calumet to study criminal justice.

Andrew Robert Vanderbye
Andy

Activities: Academic Team 2-4, Science Olympiad 1-4, Kiwanis Top Ten 3-4, Drama 2-4, NHS 3-4, Band 1-4.
Likes: Ti-84+ST purple, Sci Oly.
Dislikes: Idiotic people, time constraints, ping pong balls.
Future Plans: Major in Technical and Computer Sciences.
Other Awards/Achievements: Sci Oly state medalist.

Angela Marie Smith
Gilla

Activities: Volleyball 1-4, Academic Team 3-4, Science Olympiad 4, Environmental Club 4.
Likes: The Cubs, color green, volleyball, white horses, Dawd Duchovny, cats, hanging out with friends, cake, *Third Watch*, pizza, the Bears, football, reading, sleeping.
Dislikes: White Sox, pink, homework, cleaning.
Future Plans: Go to college and then get married.
Other Awards/Achievements: Will to Win Award, Most Dedicated Player (Volleyball)

Danielle Vega
Dani

Activities: Cross Country 2-3, Tennis 2-3, Cheerleading 1, Academic Team 2&4, Spanish Club 2&4, Drama Production 2, FBLA 1, Reflector 4, Student Council VP 4, Booster Club 1-3-4.
Likes: Playing pool, "Freak Show" hangin' out with my friends, tennis, IU, Led Zeppelin, driving around, The Hoosier.
Dislikes: Liars, backstabbers, being forgetful, George W. Bush, war, gas prices, Halo 2.
Future Plans: Go to IU Bloomington and major in broadcasting, so I can take Adam Corolla's job away and work for Q101.
Other Awards/Achievements: Academic and Sports "W"

Erica Mari Velazquez

Activities: Cross Country 2-4, Stat Person 3-4, Sectionals Court 1, Prom Queen 4.
Likes: Blue, Sox, RL, math, running, working out, Paul Walker, Bears, pizza, shoes, shopping, country music, MTV.
Dislikes: Liars, Cubs, vegetables, reading, fake poeple, working, cheaters, pictures
Future Plans: Moving to Lafayette and attending Ivy Tech for my first year and then transferring to Purdue to finish nursing.

Ilona Agnieszka Wiejak
Baloona

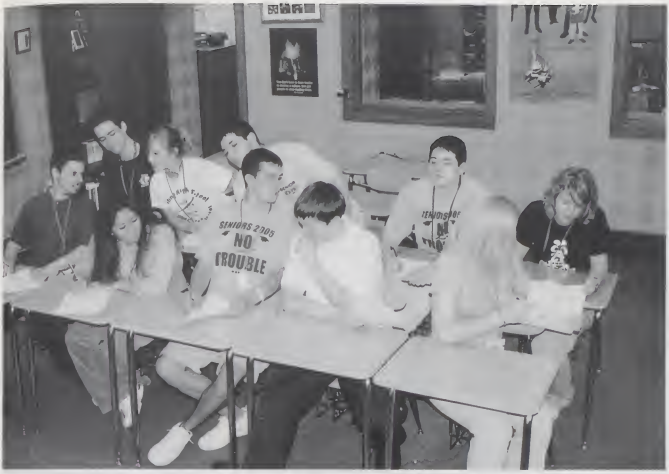
Other Schools Attended: E.C Central 2
Activities: Who's Who
Likes: Going out with my friends, movies, shopping, bowling, dancing, watching TV, reading, sleeping
Dislikes: Working at Burger King, homework, being up early, seafood, cleaning my room
Future Plans: Go to Purdue Calumet study Psychology or some type of Business.

Bridget Ann Weller
Bridge

Activities: Volleyball 2, Mat Maid 1, Spanish Club 2&4, NHS 3-4.
Likes: Going out with friends and just having a lot of fun, music, movies, playing pool, summer, swimming.
Dislikes: Cold weather, being bored.
Future Plans: Go to Purdue West Lafayette and get my degree in Pharmacy.
Other Awards/Achievements: National Honor Roll

Stephen Anthony Wrzalinski
Stevo

Activities: Basketball 1, Football 3, Baseball 1,3-4, Science Olympiad 2-4, Homecoming King 4, Sectionals Court 2, Band 3-4.
Likes: Drumming, girls, 6½ hour backroom, Xanga wars, good times at Sci Oly, the local scene, doing nothing at all.
Dislikes: Schoops, chopping onions, kids, little kids, the Class of '04, and finally nothing
Future Plans: Go to Purdue Cal. and become a history teacher.



Class of 2005 Top 10

1. Andy Vanderbye
Attending: IUN
Major: Technical Theatre

2. Vanessa Franco
Attending: Purdue University Lafayette
Major: Chemistry

3. Justin Mis
Attending: Purdue University Lafayette
Major: Nurse Anesthetist

4. Alex Harris
Attending: Purdue University Lafayette
Major: Engineering

5. Becky Noojin
Attending: IU Bloomington
Major: Psychology

6. Daniel Young
Attending: PUC
Major: Chemistry

7. Mallory Kertis
Attending: IUPUI
Major: Dental

8. Fernando Munoz
Attending: Purdue University Lafayette
Major: Biology

9. Ryan Terry
Attending: PUC
Major: Criminal Justice

10. Sara O'Drobinak
Attending: IU Bloomington
Major: Dental

Daniel Phillip Young

Roy, Indy

Other Schools Attended: Bishop Noll Institute 1-2
Activities: Science Olympiad 3-4.
Likes: Llamas, unicorns, my camera, distractions
Dislikes: Huge text books, Ti-84 calculators , lab reports, Ob Lilies, Dell computers

Melissa Ann Young

Missy

Other Schools Attended: Merrillville High School 1-2
Activities: Spanish Club 4.
Likes: Dolphins, pandas, Chinese food, hanging with friends, baby blue, cruising, writing notes to Mandy during last hour.
Dislikes: Talking on the phone, seafood, homework, getting up early, snow, thunderstorms, pink.
Future Plans: Go to college and become a pediatric nurse, hopefully live in a BIG house.
Other Awards/Achievements: Honor Roll not getting detentions.

Baby on board!

Seniors' Favorite Quotes/Memories

1. When Matt smacked himself in the face with a snake during golf.

2. Frau Merrill with fanny pack and the blue scarf.

3. :) piggy ham...& When I ran across the street, jumped over some snow, and slipped on the ice.

4. Senior year, Crazy Hair Day, when Nallely...well she knows what she did.

5. When I chased Steve and he slipped on a patch of wet grass and fell on his side.

6. The day before Christmas break senior year!

7. When Esmeralda fell in front of Lissette's house with a pizza box.

8. Winning Prom Queen!

9. When Misty picked Maria's nose.

10. Hanging out with friends.

13. Working on the homecoming float junior year when Richie shook it and I got burned.

16. Crazy truck drivers, elevators, wrong part of the conversation, and Gypsies.

11. Maria crushing a pop can on her forehead giving herself a headache.

14. The day fter Prom 2004 when I was driving with my friends to Six Flags and we kept getting lost.

17. Cows going oink and pigs going moo.

12. When Eugene and I stole Richie's moped and made him late for practice.

15. High school in general was a memory of a lifetime!

18. Above, When I tripped down the stairs at prom junior year.

19. Left, When Steph and I almost slipped and fell down the stairs because it was raining and we were going to be late.

20. Frau Merrill, 'nuff said. Forgetting the ping pong ball in Mission.

23. When I fell out of a golf cart at sectionals.

26. When Niomi and I were running through the hall, I slipped and almost fell down the stairs.

21. Locker wars with Becky.

24. " I am no missionary, and I can't wear any armor; I can only be myself."

27. Riding in the elevator with Kathy and spending most of my senior year on crutches.

29. Right, When Kathy fell down the main stairwell and ripped her pants in half.

30. Left, "Don't break the heart that truly loves you."

22. Winning a first place medal in Science Olympiad at State.

25. When someone depantsed Justin Mis in front of everyone! Love you, J Mis! Nice boxers!

28. All of the fun times and nicknames in cross country with Suarez. Code names with Matt.

31. All of my memories were great!

32. When Maria decided to speak her mind before she found out we had company in the back seat.

33. All of my memories of high school were great and I can't pick just one.

34. Graduating in June '05.

35. Ditching school with all my friends to see B2K at Six Flags.

36. Making fun of cheerleaders and the band members at games with Harold.

37. Donde estan mis pantalones y frijoles?

38. Don't want to remember this place or any of the people.

39. When I helped Maria with her nose ring and it looked like I was picking it, but the ring was on my shoulder.

1. Arica Clayton
2. Chris Hartman
3. Hollie Kelm
4. Lissette Hernandez
5. Eugene Roman
6. Jaime Reyes
7. Cristina Santos
8. Erica Velazquez
9. Melissa Young
10. Victor Sahagun
11. Vanessa Franco
12. Steve Wrzalinski
13. Ryan Terry
14. Cecelia Garcia
15. Jennifer Furto
16. Kathy Pachowicz
17. Sara O'Drobinak
18. Jill Furto
19. Niomi Franco
20. Andy Vanderbye
21. Justin Mis
22. Angela Smith
23. Joshuah Cornell
24. Michael Espinoza
25. Jacklyn Perez
26. Stephanie Puhek
27. Ashley Oswald
28. Mallory Kertis
29. Danielle Vega
30. Matthew Elza
31. Fernando Munoz
32. Becky Noojin
33. Bridget Weller
34. Nate Serna
35. Maria Anaya
36. Mandy Edge
37. Alex Harris
38. Kurt Banas
39. Misty Percianoff

Ideal Seniors

Hood Ornaments

Best Smile:
Cecelia Garcia & Victor Sahagun

Most School Spirited (Tie):
Becky Noojin, Justin Mis, & Vanessa Franco

Worst Driver:
Ryan Terry & Stephanie Puhek

Most Creative:
Hollie Kelm & Jason Berryman

Nicest Eyes:
Fernando Munoz & Kathy Pachowicz

Biggest Airhead:
Alex Harris & Niomi Franco

Most Athletic (Tie):
Sixto Arredondo, Mallory Kertis, & Niomi Franco

Biggest Flirt:
Matt Elza & Vanessa Franco

Biggest Gossiper :
Stephanie Puhek & Justin Mis

Most Argumentative:
Maria Anaya & Sixto Arredondo

Most Quiet:
Nathan Serna & Cristina Santos

Nicest Hair:
Eugene Roman & Mallory Kertis

Most Likely To Succeed:
Vanessa Franco & Andy Vanderbye

Laziest:
Esmeralda Patino & Steve Wrzalinski

Most Talkative:
Justin Mis & Maria Anaya

Loudest Mouth:
Justin Mis &
Kathy Pachowicz

Compulsive Shopper:
Maria Anaya & Justin Mis

The Way to...

Graduation

The Best is Yet to Come

Above, Lt. Sandra Martinez officially graduates the Class of 2005.

Right, Ms. Harris presents Alex Lattis with the much deserved Jack Taylor Scholarship.

Above, this lovely group of seniors get together for one last picture before graduation.

Another four years have passed and another graduation ceremony has come and gone. This special time in our lives is a chance for us to spend our last moments together as a class reflecting on all the memories we have shared. Whether they be good or bad, these are memories that we will cherish in our lives forever. Some will leave for college or trade school, others will join the military, and some may venture straight out into the work force. Whatever the future holds, the Class of 2005 has nothing but opportunities for success ahead of them.

Above, Valedictorian Andrew Vandeline delivers his speech to the Class of 2005.

Above, In their final performance, senior choir members sing the song "Team Player" to their classmates.

Above, Mr. John Scretta is recognized after serving the School Club of Building for 41 years.

Above, Kathy Kachewicz and Ashley Oswald celebrate this long awaited day.

Below, Melissa Young, Erica Clayton, Tan Young, and Angela Smith say their final goodbyes.

Below, "Graduation was the saddest day of my high school career because I had to say goodbye to all of my friends." Cecelia Garcia

Below, "After we cut lines, bad lines, gossip, and fighting, graduation was the icing on the cake. Time to college!" Maria Alaya

Below, Jaime Reyes and Elisette Fernandez congratulate each other.

Left, Rebecca Sechin proudly delivers the Principal's message near the beginning of the ceremony.

Above, Steve Wozniaski gives thanks to the class sponsors.

Above, With a sight of relief, the Class of 2000 happily turn their tassels.

Left, Salutatorian Vanessa Franco takes time out of her speech to give some personal thanks yours.

Above, Miss Maggie Berlin announces the names of the anxious graduates.

Above, Jackie Perez is congratulated by Mr. Hick for a wonderful four years.

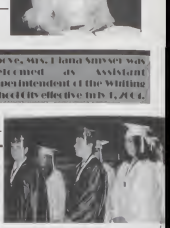
Becky Noojin 95

The Way to...

Oiler Change

Goodbye...for now

Above, Mrs. Diana Smysser was welcomed as Assistant Superintendent of the Whiting School Corp. effective July 1, 2004.



Right, Seniors reflect on their final moments as WHS students at their graduation ceremony on June 12.

Above, The Fine Arts Academic Team led by Coach Mindaswen third place at the state competition held at Purdue Lafayette.

This year at WHS included changes--the most obvious, of course, was the implementation of a school "uniformity of colors" policy and mandatory wearing of ID's. Once the newness was over, students got down to work and achieved successes on many fronts, both academic and athletic. *Some* of the year's highlights are captured on the following two pages. They say change is for the better...and at WHS this saying seems to hold true.

Above, WHS Principal Dirk Dick was honored as District 1 High School Principal of the Year.

Above, Mr. John Scotta celebrates his retirement after 41 years of service with the School Corp. of Whiting. Mr. Scotta taught the courses, physics, physical science, and math skills. He was a very dedicated teacher with a dry sense of humor and quick wit. Mr. Scotta will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Above, Students who earned the most points in the reading program were treated to Sassy Lucy, an annual event.

Above, Coach Jeff Gaines led the Boys Team undefeated regular season and EAC Tinkel Division Championship. Gaines was also named AC Tinkel Division Coach of the Year, and Indianapolis Colts NFL Coach of the Week.

Below, The varsity football team was acknowledged by Mayor Mahina and the Whiting Common Council in tribute to their outstanding season.

Below, Senior Vanessa France was awarded the Legacy Foundation Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship—one of only 5 students in Lake County, IN.

Below, Senior Justin Silver received the prestigious Colonel Eugene Green Scholarship administered by the Junior Achievement organization.

Below, After achieving numerous successes at preliminary competitions throughout the year, the Science Olympiad team travelled to state for the third year in a row. Left to right are Jon Sichels and Jeremy Long, the team placed eighth overall at Bloomington.

Left, Sophomore Anthony Adair proves that hard work pays off even at the end of the school year.

Above, The Cinco de Mayo celebration, sponsored by Mrs. Flechan and the Spanish Club, provides a colorful and delicious fall school event.

Left, Seniors say "aloha" to WHS at the annual senior banquet.

Above, The spring production "Lily, the Fairy's Daughter" was a hit with audiences.

Above, The seniors dance their last dance as a group at the beautiful prom sponsored by Mrs. Sindlar, Mr. Cain and the Class of '05 held at Meyer's Castle.

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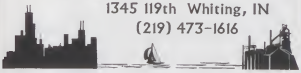

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If you are reading this yearbook, a huge thank you is in order. Without you, the reader, this yearbook would not be possible. You have continuously supported our cause, and we hope that you thoroughly enjoyed this year's book.

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This is it, your 2004-2005 Reflector. I hope you enjoyed it and that it helped you recall the good times and the bad, your friends and your enemies...YOUR memories. High school comes and goes, but one thing remains with you always and those are the memories you will make. Thank you Whitng High School for the memories.

Latas,
Editor Justin Mis

WORLD YEARBOOK

2004-2005

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WORLD EVENTS

2004•2005

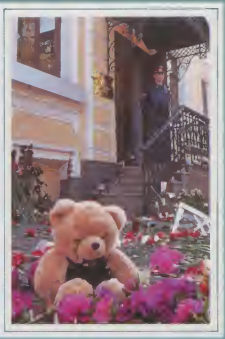
A magnitude 9.0 earthquake in the Indian Ocean sends a 500 mph tsunami crashing onto the shores of 12 nations, killing more than 225,000 people and causing vast destruction.

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II announces the engagement of her son Prince Charles to his long-time love Camilla Parker Bowles.

NASA's Messenger begins a 5-billion-mile journey to Mercury.

Vioxx, one of several arthritis drugs linked to an increased risk of heart attack and stroke, is recalled.

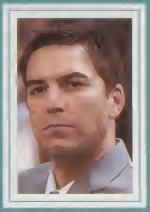
Billions of 17-year cicadas emerge in the Midwest and Eastern United States.



More than 700 people are wounded and 323 hostages killed when Chechen rebels seize a Russian school. The standoff lasted two days.

The world mourns the death of 93-year-old Ronald Reagan, the 40th U.S. president, credited with ending the Cold War.

Filipino conjoined twins Carl and Clarence Aquirre, 2, are successfully separated following 10 months of surgical procedures and a final 20-hour operation.



A jury convicts Scott Peterson on two counts of murder and sentences him to death.

Hamid Karzai is the first democratically elected leader of Afghanistan.

A 1,200-square-mile iceberg blocks 12,000 brooding Adélie penguins from their Antarctic feeding grounds.

Despite threats of violence, millions of Iraqis cast ballots in a historic free election.

Kmart Holding Corp. and Sears, Roebuck and Co. agree to an $11 billion merger that will create the nation's third largest retailer.

With his wife Laura by his side, George W. Bush wins a second term as president by defeating Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry in a fiercely contested election. Bush won with 51 percent.

As US Airways, United Airlines and ATA enter bankruptcy, Delta Air Lines cuts fares by up to 50 percent to entice travelers.

Martha Stewart serves five months in prison and is fined $30,000.

Fire sweeps through a crowded, multilevel Paraguay supermarket, killing more than 300 shoppers.

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael K. Powell resigns.

As the death toll surpasses 1,400, Operation Enduring Freedom continues for the 140,000 U.S. troops stationed in Iraq. Though the first elections for the new Iraqi government were held in January, no timetable was established for the withdrawal of American forces.

Last erupting in 1980, Mount St. Helens again releases steam, spews ash and develops a 1,300 degree lava dome.

Despite a fraudulent election and dioxin poisoning, Viktor Yushchenko perseveres and becomes the new Ukrainian president.

Following a seven-year, 2.2-billion-mile journey, the Cassini spacecraft reaches Saturn's orbit. One of Cassini's discoveries was a new radiation belt surrounding the ringed planet.

Condoleezza Rice becomes the first black woman to be named secretary of state.

Contaminated batches of flu vaccine cut the U.S. supply in half.

The Supreme Court rejects a Florida state law that would keep severely brain-damaged Terri Schiavo alive.

The sun, Venus and Earth align during the first transit of Venus since 1882.

China's coal miners endure a six-month series of deadly explosions and accidents that kill more than 550.

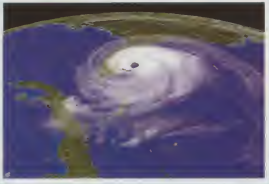
France's 1.6-mile-long Millau bridge extends 1,122 feet above the Tarn Valley, making it the world's tallest roadway span.

Following Yasser Arafat's death, new Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas agrees to a cease-fire with Israeli leader Ariel Sharon.

WORLD NEWS

- Metabolife International Inc. and its founder Michael J. Ellis were charged with lying to the Food and Drug Administration about the dangers of taking ephedra.
- An accounting scandal led Fannie Mae, the nation's second largest financial institution, to dismiss two executives.
- Scientists in China unearthed a perfectly preserved avian-like sleeping dinosaur.
- A 10-pound meteorite hit Cambodia.
- Sprint Corp. & Nextel Communications Inc. agreed to a $35 billion merger.
- Extinction threatened Hawai'i's rare po'ouli when one of three remaining birds died.
- Abu Omar al-Kurdi, the top lieutenant to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, was arrested in Baghdad.
- A 182-carat diamond, four times the size of the Hope Diamond, was found by a Guinea miner.
- Nate Olive and Sarah Jones became the first people to hike the entire 1,800-mile West Coast Trail.
- A deer-hunting dispute in Wisconsin left six people dead.
- The discovery of a new hobbit-sized human skeleton brought the history of human evolution into question.
- A stampede during a Hindu ceremony in India killed as many as 258 worshippers.
- For the first time in 30 years, scientists spotted endangered blue whales in the waters off Alaska.

Excessive rains cause a deadly and destructive mudslide in La Conchita, California.



Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne batter the Caribbean islands, Gulf Coast and Florida. During the same season, Tropical Storm Gaston drenched the East Coast.

Weighing 8.6 ounces, Rumaisa Rahman is the world's smallest baby. In contrast, Brazil's Ademilton dos Santos weighed 18.8 pounds.

Illinois Sen. Barack Obama delivers the keynote address at the Democratic Convention.

In the same year that a new, colorful $50 bill is put into circulation, the U.S. dollar hits a low against the euro.

Lebanon's former prime minister Rafik Hariri is assassinated.

SpaceShipOne completes two suborbital space flights, reaching a record-breaking altitude of 367,442 feet, to win the $10 million Ansari X Prize for the first privately funded spaceflight.

The Pledge's "one nation, under God," is preserved by the Supreme Court

Trials proceed for seven U.S. soldiers accused of abusing detainees within Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison.

Cosmetics mogul and merchandising pioneer Estée Lauder dies at 97

Ivory Coast loyalists initiate a violent, anti-foreigner uprising, forcing thousands of French citizens and visitors to evacuate.

TV & MOVIES

2004-2005

BOX OFFICE HITS

Shark Tale
Fahrenheit 911
The Passion of the Christ
The Incredibles
Meet the Fockers
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
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The Bourne Supremacy
LOTR III: The Return of the King
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The animated motion picture "Shrek 2" is the year's No. 1 box office hit. The movie earned more than $436 million, an Academy Award nomination and two People's Choice Awards.

ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" is voted Favorite Reality Show/Makeover at the People's Choice Awards.

To celebrate her 19th season Oprah gives away 276 new cars.

Millions of viewers are swept away on Wednesday night by ABC's new hit drama series "Lost."

Jude Law stars in "I Heart Huckabees," one of the actor's six films this year.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

- Phylicia Rashad, star of "A Raisin in the Sun," became the first black woman to win a Tony Best Actress Award.
- Comedian and talk show host Ellen DeGeneres was "People's Choice" for Favorite Female Star.
- More than 40 million Americans tuned in to watch Fantasia Barrino, second runner-up DeGeneres, and Kimberley Locke in the final "American Idol."
- Following 27 years with CBS, anchor Dan Rather announced his resignation. Four CBS executives were fired for running an unverified story regarding President Bush's National Guard service on "60 Minutes Wednesday".
- A quadriplegic for nine years, "Superman" Christopher Reeve died at 52.
- Both Tom Brokaw of "The NBC Nightly News" and Barbara Walters of "ABC" resigned. Their combined earnings of more than $27 million a year.
- Hollywood couple Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt announced their separation.
- Media moguls Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen took control of $300 million inner assets on their 18th birthday.
- The world bid farewell to former "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson, playwright Arthur Miller and comedy pioneers Marlon Brando, Rodney Dangerfield, Janet Leigh, Tony Randall, Fay Wray, Jerry Orbach, Julia Child, Peter Ustinov, Nancy Reagan and Isabel Sanford.

Jamie Foxx receives the Actor in a Leading Role Academy Award for his portrayal of blind R&B legend Ray Charles in "Ray."

Hilary Swank wins an Academy Award for her lead performance in the Oscar winning picture "Million Dollar Baby."

Golden Globe winner Leonardo DiCaprio receives an Oscar nomination for his starring role in "The Aviator." The film, directed by Martin Scorsese, claimed five Academy Awards.

"Spider-Man 2" starring Tobey Maguire earns more than $373 million at the box office.

Dave Chappelle signs a $50 million contract with Comedy Central.

Julia Roberts joins a long list of new Hollywood moms with the birth of twins Phinnaeus and Hazel.

"Jeopardy!" wiz Ken Jennings wins more than $2.5 million in a 74-game run.

Sunday night soap "Desperate Housewives" is named Best Television Series at the Golden Globe Awards.

Pink's Singapore is scrapped for tampering on Saturday Night Live will be booked by Teen Dating for Things Bust performance.

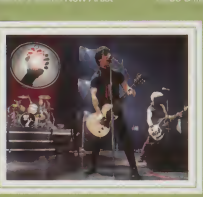
Alicia Keys collect Best Grammys for the album and DVD documentary The Diary of Alicia Keys.

Gretchen Wilson's Greatest Hits Volume 1 the American Music Awards Favorite New Artist

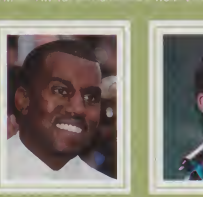
Maroon 5 received Best New Artist at the MTV Video Music Awards and the Grammy Awards. They also received three Billboard Music Awards and received a worldwide

MUSIC NEWS

- "American Idol" wannabe William Hung releases his album "Hung for the Holidays."
- Following eight years and more than 3 million albums sold worldwide, rock band Creed dissolved.
- The Country Music Awards recognized Kenny Chesney and his album "When the Sun Goes Down" as Entertainer and Album of the Year. Other CMA winners included Keith Urban, Brad Paisley, Martina McBride and Rascal Flatts.
- No Doubt's Gwen Stefani released her solo album "Love, Angel, Music, Baby."
- Months after her 55-hour Vegas marriage to childhood friend Jason Alexander was annulled, pop star Britney Spears married dancer Kevin Federline.
- Prior to his death, Ray Charles completed the collaborative project, "Genius Loves Company," which received eight Grammy Awards.
- "American Bandstand" legend Dick Clark suffered a stroke that prevented him from hosting his traditional "New Year's Rockin' Eve" in New York City.
- The Los Lonely Boys received four Grammy nominations, including Best New Artist and Record of the Year for "Heaven."
- Queen Latifah released "The Dana Owens Album," a vocal jazz album that bears her given name.
- Rapper O.D.B., "Superfreak" Rick James and Oscar-winning composer Jerry Goldsmith died this year.



Green Day won North America, James Douglas and Australia's passion in Grammy winning album "American Idiot."



Kanye West wins three Grammys including Best Rap Album for "College Dropout."

Alejandro Sanz received four Latin Grammys including Song of the Year and Album of the Year.

Rush celebrates more than 30 years of touring.

MUSIC

2004•2005

Usher wins 11 Billboard Music Awards including Artist of the Year. His album "Confessions" and hit single "Yeah!" won three Grammys and four American Music Awards

Hilary Duff promotes her self-titled album and a new clothing/cosmetics line. Stuff

R. Kelly sues rapper Jay-Z for $75 million following a dispute that eventually ended their long

Lindsay Lohan debuts her album "Speak" and film "Mean Girls"

The Grammy winning hip hop group Black Eyed Peas "get it started" with their hit album "Elephunk"

TRENDS & TECHNOLOGY

2004•2005

The cast of "One Tree Hill" models the year's latest fashion trends including the "layered look," distressed denim, vintage blazers and jean jackets. Ponchos, tweed jackets, and pearls were also hot items.

Sony releases PSP (PlayStation Portable) a 10-ounce, multiplayer video game system with a four-inch color screen.

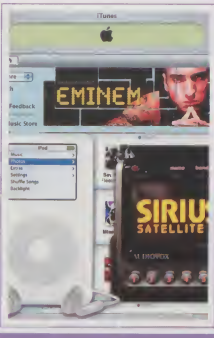
Pastel hues such as pink are popular for men and women

NASA's "scramjet" breaks a world record by flying nearly 10 times the speed of sound

Oval decals featuring popular locations and symbols appear on vehicles worldwide.

POPULAR NEWS

- Japanese schools tracked students on campus via computer chips that emit radio transmissions.
- Ben & Jerry's worked with a Penn State scientist to invent an ozone friendly freezer that uses sound waves to chill liquid cooling agent.
- Taboulé and Baba Ganoush were the first leaves to be cloned.
- Phillips designed MiraVision, a flat screen television that doubles as a mirror when not in use.
- The FDA approved the use of a new face transplant surgery to aid patients with severe burns.
- A grilled cheese sandwich depicting the Virgin Mary sold for $28,000 on eBay.
- Scientists created ripeSense, a sensor that indicates when fruit is ripe by analyzing emitted aromas.
- Cellphone jammers were installed in churches, courthouses and schools in an effort to curb interruptions and incidents of cheating.
- The United States Army issued new fatigues that feature easy-to-use hand openings and redesigned camouflage that conceal soldiers in the desert forest and city.
- Congress passed a bill that prohibits the use of camera phones to sneak inappropriate photos of other people.
- Divers and surfers began using Shark Shield, a device that repels sharks by emitting electronic pulses.



Apple's iTunes and iPods, along with Satellite XM Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio offer innovative ways to collect and listen to music.

No larger than a grain of rice, a microchip containing important medical data is approved for human implantation by the FDA.

Snack food brands such as Reeses, Edy's, Lays and Coke cope with the Atkins craze by developing and marketing low-carb candies, ice cream, chips and sodas.

The O.C.'s' Mischa Barton wears one of the year's most popular hairstyles.

"Livestrong" bracelets raise awareness of the fight against cancer.

The desktop CPU of the new iMac is contained within a monitor just 2.875 inches thick.

Popular television series like "Seinfeld, "CSI" and "24" are released on DVD.

Bluetooth and advanced laser technology make wireless internet, known as WiFi, easy-to-use and affordable to the public.

In a 24-21 game, the New England Patriots defeat the Philadelphia Eagles to win their third NFL Super Bowl in four years.

Patrick Tillman, who left the NFL's Arizona Cardinals to enlist in the United States Army, is killed during a firefight in Afghanistan.

SPORTS NEWS

- In the same year that Kobe Bryant's lawsuit was settled out of court, the L.A. Lakers traded Shaquille O'Neal to the Miami Heat.
- Golfer Tiger Woods wed Swedish model Elin Nordegren in a Barbados ceremony.
- Washington, D.C. became the new home of the Montreal Expos.
- San Francisco Giant Barry Bonds hit his 700th career home run.
- A brawl erupted during a game between the Indiana Pacers and the Detroit Pistons. Several players and fans were charged with crimes as a result of the fight.
- A private plane crash in Virginia took the lives of 10 Hendrick racing team owner members and employees.
- Former Green Bay Packer and 13-time Pro Bowl RB Reggie White died at 43.
- Golf phenom Michelle Wie made her first 15-year-old to play with the LPGA.

OLYMPIC NEWS

- The United States brought home 101 Olympic medals, including 35 gold, 29 silver and 29 bronze.
- The U.S. Women's Swim Team set a new world record in the 800m relay.
- With only one run scored against them during the Olympic games, the U.S. Women's Softball Team earned the gold.
- Kyle Shewfelt became the first Canadian gymnast to win gold in the men's floor competition.

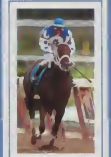
Golfer Phil Mickelson enjoys winning his first career major at The Masters.

Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart leads the University of Southern California to a 55-19 win over the University of Oklahoma, making the Trojans the NCAA National Champions.

In a defensive battle, the Detroit Pistons defeat the Los Angeles Lakers to win the NBA National Championship.

Labor disputes cause the NHL to cancel the entire hockey season for the first time.

Kurt Busch wins NASCAR's Nextel Cup championship by an 8-point margin over Jimmy Johnson.



Birdstone denies Smarty Jones the Triple Crown at the Belmont Stakes.

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The Boston Red Sox overcome the New York Yankees' three-game lead to win the ALCS. Boston moved on, defeated the St. Louis Cardinals, and ended "the curse" with their first World Series win in 86 years.

Peyton Manning breaks Dan Marino's single-season record with 49 TD passes.

Despite a back injury, Serena Williams claims her seventh Grand Slam victory at the Australian Open.

Lance Armstrong wins his sixth consecutive Tour de France.

The University of Connecticut wins both the Men's and Women's NCAA Basketball National Championships.

Gymnasts Carly Patterson and Paul Hamm claim gold in the all-around competitions. Despite a controversy caused by a judging error, the Court of Arbitrations for Sport upheld Hamm's victory.

Swimmer Michael Phelps contributes to the U.S. Swim Team's 12 golds by earning a record-breaking eight medals.

Mariel Zagunis, 19, wins gold for the U.S. Fencing Team.

Misty May and Kerri Walsh captivate viewers as they spike their way to a women's beach volleyball gold.

U.S. cyclists Tyler Hamilton and Bobby Julich pedal to gold and bronze medals.

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